The Norwegian Ruy
100 Reference Games

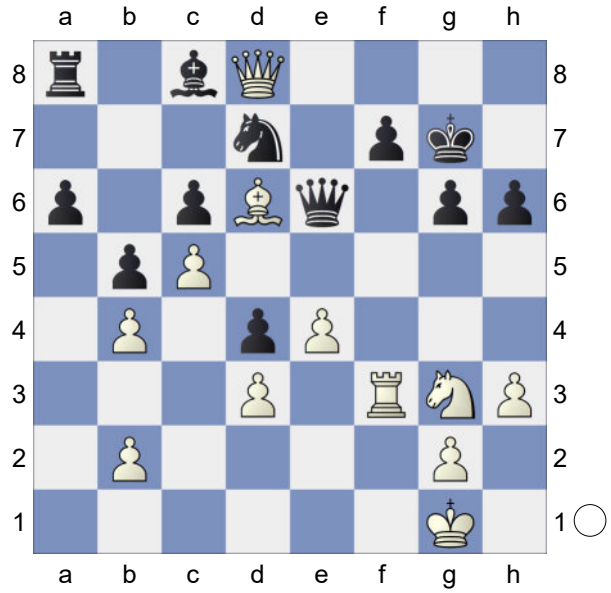
Chess Notes 2025

C70

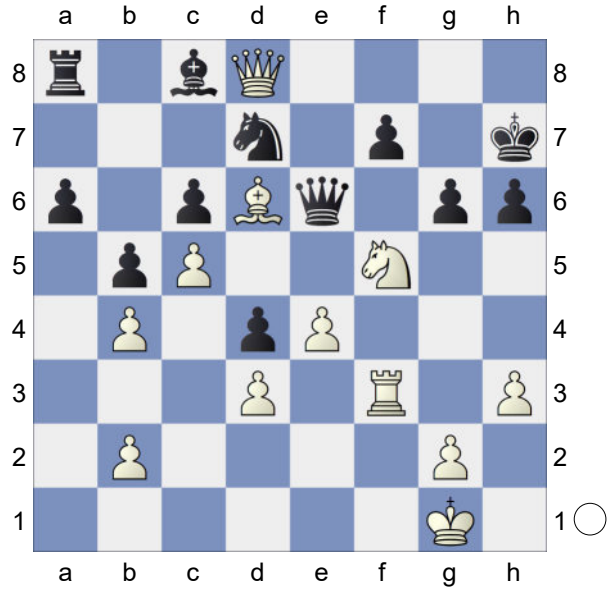
□ **Wollongong2021** **2983**
■ **Mikotalihikinen** **2813**
Blitz 26.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1N
[7.d4 Nxb3 *(7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3* ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019*; 7...f6 8.Bxg8 Rxg8 9.b4 Nc4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Bb7 12.Re1 a5 13.bxa5 c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Qe2 Qxa5 16.Nxe5 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Bb2 Rge8 19.e5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Kb8 21.Rab1 Ka8 22.a3* (27) Ruy Lopez Various-N, N Survey 1997 *)* 8.axb3 f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Ne7 *(10...Qd7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Qxd4 f5 14.Be3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Ne7 16.Bf2 c5 17.Qd3 Nd5 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Rae1 h6 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.f5 Rg8 22.Bg3 Qc6 23.Ng6 c4 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Rf2* 1-0 (45) 9.♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2655)-Aigner,J (2445) op Lone Pine 1981 *)* 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Be3 g5 15.Nxb5 axb5 16.Qh5+ Qf7 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.Rd8+ Kxd8 19.Qxf7 gxh4 20.Qxf6 Rg8 21.f3 h3 1-0 (38) Miles,E-Chen,Y 5/591 Malaga 1968 (16)]
[7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22.DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
7...Bb7 8.c3 Nxb3 9.axb3 Nf6 10.d3 Be7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Nf1 Re8 13.Ng3 The position is equal. **13...Bf8 14.c4 g6** 0.05/19
[14...b4∓ -0.41/19]
15.h3 -0.44/18
[15.b4= 0.05/19 was preferable.]
15...Bg7 0.01/21
[15...b4∓ -0.44/18]
16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Qd2 c6 0.88/19
[17...h5= 0.06/17 remains equal.]
18.b4 0.41/19 White is more active.
[Better is 18.d4± 0.88/19]
Black is on the road to losing. **18...d5** 1.50/20
[18...Qe7± 0.41/19]
19.c5 d4 2.25/21
[19...Re6± 1.17/18]
20.Bh6 1.27/22
[20.Nh2+- 2.25/21]
20...Bh8? 3.34/18
[20...Bxh6± 1.27/22 21.Qxh6 Qe7]
21.Nh2+- Bc8 22.Rf1 Qe7 23.Bg5? 1.23/18
[23.f4+- 3.69/19 and the rest is easy.]
23...Qf8? 4.44/20
[23...h6± 1.23/18]
24.f4 exf4 25.Bxf4 Nd7? 7.20/22
[25...Re6 3.73/20 26.Nf3 Ne8]
26.Ng4 White is clearly winning.
26...Bg7 27.Bd6 Re7 28.Rf2
[Weaker is 28.Bxe7 Qxe7 29.Nh6+ Bxh6 30.Qxh6 Ne5+-]
28...Qe8 29.Raf1 Ne5 30.Nf6+ Bxf6 31.Rxf6 Re6 Black is weak on the dark squares **32.Rxe6 Qxe6 33.Qg5**

White threatens Qd8+ and mate.
33...Nd7 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Rf3
Nf5+! is the strong threat. **35...h6**



36.Nf5+! Double Attack **36...Kh7**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=1.89
37.Nxh6! Decoy
1-0

C70

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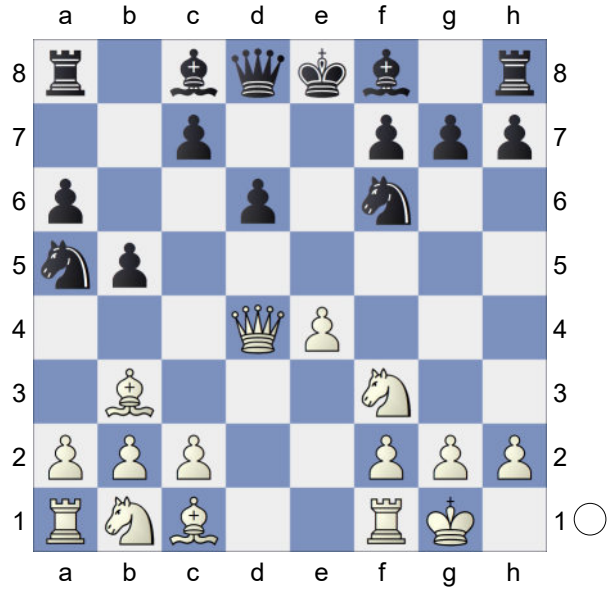
■ **bancsoo**	**2788**
Blitz	17.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4 Nf6N 0.76/22
[8...Bb7= 0.30/20 9.Bg5
A) 9...f6 10.Bd2 c5 11.Qc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7 13.b4 *(13.Re1 Ng6 14.b4 Be7 15.Qe3 0-0 16.Nc3 Re8 17.Nd5 Bf8 18.c4 bxc4 19.Qc3 Rxe4 20.Rxe4 Bxd5 21.Re3 cxb4 22.Qxb4 Rb8 23.Qc3 Qb6 24.Bc1 Nf4 25.Ne1 Qc6 26.Qd4 Ne6 27.Qc3 Nc5* 0-1 (49) Locio,L-Parkov,V III 98/226 Wijk aan Zee 2006 *)* 13...Ng6 14.Qe3 Be7 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Nd5 Re8 17.Qb3 c4 18.Qe3 Bf8 19.Qd4 Ne5 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Nb6 Rc7 23.Nd5 Rf7 24.Nd4 ½-½ (47) Flum,G-De Carbonnel,H Germany ch-08 final 1962;
B) 9...Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0 Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slnchev Bryag 2008]
[8...Ne7 9.Qd3 c5 10.c4 Be6 11.Nbd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Nf1 Bg4 15.Bf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8 19.Re1 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Be7 21.Bxg7 Rg8 22.Bf6 Rc7 23.Ng3 1-0 (32) Dominguez Perez,L (2719)-Morozevich,A (2787) Wch Blitz 3th 2008 (6) Kf8 24.Be5 Rd7 25.Qh5 d3 26.Qh6+ Ke8 27.Qxh7 Rf8

28.Nh5 Qa5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nxd7 Kxd7 31.Qxd3+ Kc8 32.Qf5+
1-0 Berg,E (2576)-Nithander,V (2438) Gothenburg Manhem 2012 (8)]



9.c4 -0.19/20
[9.e5!± 0.76/22 Nxb3 10.axb3]
9...c5= The position is equal. **10.Qd3 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Bg5 Bb7** 0.29/19
[Better is 12...h6 -0.23/18 13.Bxf6 Bxf6]
13.Rfe1 -1.08/22
[13.Bc2= 0.29/19 keeps the balance.]
13...h6 -0.01/20
[13...b4∓ -1.08/22 and ...Nxb3 would now be decisive 14.Bxf6 Bxf6]
14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Bxb2 0.48/24 A strong pair of Bishops.
[16...Nxb3= 0.00/20 is more appropriate. 17.Qxb3 c4]
17.Rab1 Be5 18.Bd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qf6 Black is weak on the light squares
20.Nxe5 Qxe5 1.07/23
[20...dxe5± 0.52/24 21.Qxc5 Rac8]
21.Nxd6± Qxd5 22.exd5 Rfd8 1.72/22
[22...Ra6± 0.85/22 23.Ne4 c4]
23.Nf5 0.38/21
[23.Rb6+- 1.72/22]
23...Kf8 1.14/22
[23...Nc4!± 0.38/21]
24.Ne3 White is much more active.
24...Rab8 2.39/19 Wards off Rb5
[24...Ra7± 1.21/19 25.Rb5 Nb7]
25.g3 c4 2.56/21
[⌓25...Rb7 1.79/20 26.Red1 g6]
26.Rec1 g6 27.Kg2
[27.Nxc4? Rxb1 28.Rxb1 Nxc4-+]
27...Kg7 3.64/22
[27...Rxb1 2.53/23 is a better defense. 28.Rxb1 c3]
28.Kf3 Black must now prevent Rxb8.
[28.Nxc4? Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Nxc4-+]
28...Kf6 29.Ke4
[29.Nxc4? Rxb1 30.Rxb1 Nxc4-+]
29...Nb7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.52
30.Kd4
[30.Rxc4? is the wrong capture. Nd6+ 31.Kd3 Rxb1-+]
[Less strong is 30.Nxc4 Nc5+ 31.Ke3 Rxb1 32.Rxb1 Rxd5±]
1-0

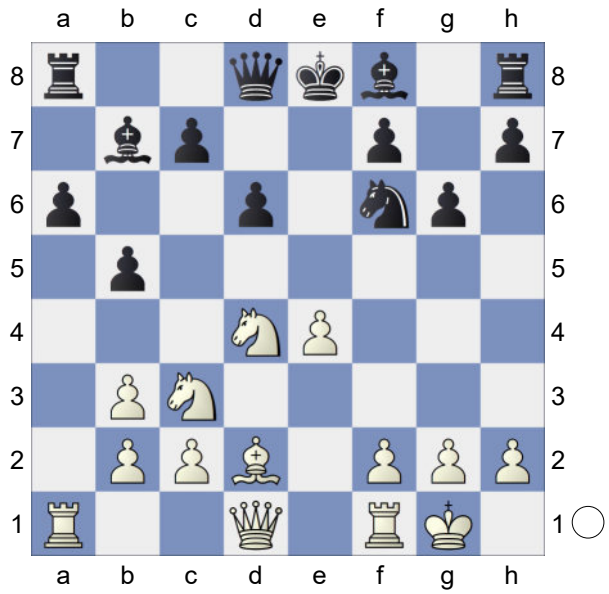
C70

□ **wounded_thirteenth** **2902**
■ **Tayka** **2737**
Blitz 08.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Bd2 -0.01/21
[8.Re1± 0.38/20]
8...Nxb3!= 9.axb3 Bb7 The position is equal. **10.Nxd4 Nf6 11.Nc3N**

[11.Re1 Be7 12.Nf5 0-0 13.Qf3 Nd7 14.Qg3 g6 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Nc3 Qe6 17.f3 f5 18.Rad1 Nf6 19.Qh3 Nd7 20.Qh4 Rf7 21.Bg5 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Qf5 23.Bd2 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 Nf6 ½-½ (68) Nayhebaver,M (2517)-Blahynka,M (2369) CZE-chT 2223 2022 (6.3) 26.Re6 Nh5 27.Rde1 Ng7 28.R6e4 Nf5 29.Bg5 h6 30.Bd2 g5 31.Kf2 Kh7 32.c4 c5 33.Re8 Rxe8 34.Rxe8 Nd4 35.b4 bxc4 36.bxc5 dxc5 37.Rc8 Re7 38.Bc3 Nb3 39.g4 Nc1 40.Rh8+ Kg6 ½-½ (68) Samojlov,S (2517)-Scheveningen - 6.g4 e5 (2369) USSR 37/292 1983 (6.3)]

11...g6



12.Nd5! Bg7 13.Bg5

[13.Ba5 Nxd5 14.exd5 0-0 15.c4]

13...c5 14.Ne2 0-0

[14...Bxd5 simplifies 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qxd5 0-0]

15.Nec3 and Qf3 should not be overlooked **15...b4?** 2.68/22

[15...h6!= 0.04/21 and Black stays safe. 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bxf6 *(17.Bxh6 Re8=)* 17...Qxf6]

16.Na4? -0.59/22 Excellent horsemanship.

[16.Qf3!+- 2.68/22]

16...Re8 0.58/21

[16...Bxd5∓ -0.59/22 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qxd5 Rae8]

17.f3 -0.49/21

[17.Nab6± 0.58/21]

17...Bxd5∓ 18.Bxf6! Qxf6 19.Qxd5 Qd4+ 20.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 21.Kh1

White is weak on the dark squares

21...Rab8 Repels Nb6 **22.g3 f5↑**

Black is more active. **23.exf5 Re2**

24.Rae1? -4.30/24

[24.c3∓ -0.45/21 Bg7 25.Rfd1]

24...Rxc2-+ 25.fxg6 hxg6 26.Re6 Kf7

[26...Bxb2 27.Nxb2 Kf7 *(27...Rxb2 28.Rxd6 Kh7 29.Rc1∓)* 28.Rfe1 Rxb2 29.Re7+ Kf6 30.R1e6+ Kf5 31.Re4 Rb1+ *(31...Rxb3 32.Rf7+ Kg5 33.Rg4+ Kh6 34.Rh4+ Kg5 35.f4#)* 32.Kg2 Rb2+ *(32...Rxb3 33.Rf7+ Kg5 34.Rg4+ Kh6 35.Rh4+ Kg5 36.f4#)* 33.Kf1 Rb1+ *(33...Rxb3 34.Rf7+ Kg5 35.Rg4+ Kh6 36.Rh4+ Kg5 37.f4#; 33...Rxh2? 34.Kg1+-)* 34.Kf2 Rb2+ *(34...Rxb3 35.Rf7+ Kg5 36.Rg4+ Kh6 37.Rh4+ Kg5 38.f4#)* 35.Kf1 Rb1+ 36.Kg2 Rb2+ 37.Kf1=]

27.Rxd6 Rh8

[27...Bxb2 28.Rd7+ Ke6 29.Ra7∓]

28.h4 g5? -0.68/21

[28...Re8-+ -9.01/22 (-> ...Ree2) 29.Rd7+ Kg8]

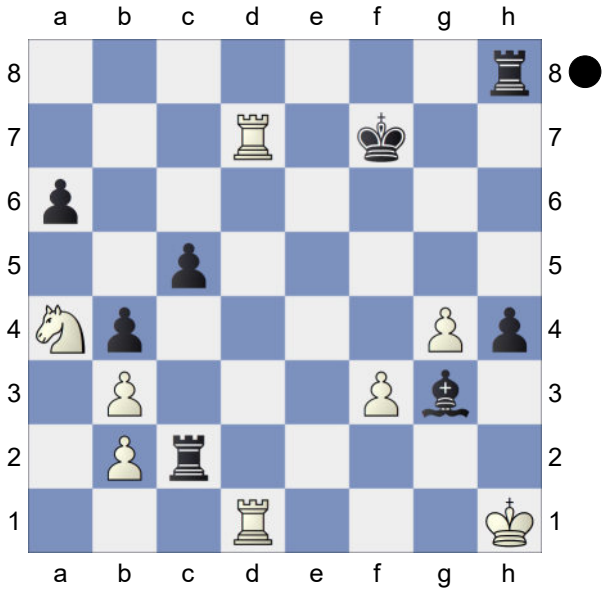
29.Re1∓

[29.Rd7+ Ke6 30.Rc7 *(30.Nb6 Bf2∓)* 30...gxh4∓ *(30...Bxb2 31.Rd1±)*]

29...gxh4

[29...Bxb2?! 30.Rd7+ *(30.Rxa6 gxh4 31.g4 Bd4∓)* 30...Kg6 31.Re6+ Kf5 32.Re4=]

30.g4 Bf2 -0.27/22
[30...Bxb2 31.Nxb2 Rxb2 32.g5±]
[30...Rg8∓ -0.90/21]
31.Red1 -1.73/22
[31.Re5= -0.27/22 and White stays safe.]
31...Bg3? -0.01/22
[31...Re8-+ -1.73/22 32.R6d2 Rxd2 33.Rxd2 Bd4]
32.Rd7+ -1.35/24
[32.R6d5!= -0.01/22 remains equal.]



32...Kf6 -0.10/23
[32...Kg6!∓ -1.35/24 33.R7d2 Rxd2 34.Rxd2 Rc8]
33.R7d2 Against h3 **33...Rxd2**
34.Rxd2= Endgame KRB-KRN **34...h3**
35.Nxc5 Ke5 Repels Ne4 **36.Ne4**
[36.Nxa6 Ra8 37.f4+ *(37.Re2+? Kf4-+)* 37...Bxf4 *(37...Kxf4? 38.Rd6-+)* 38.Re2+ Kf6-+]
36...Kf4 37.Rd1 Kxf3 38.Nxg3 Kxg3 KR-KR **39.Rg1+ Kf4** Strongly threatening ...Rg8. **40.g5 Rg8 41.g6 Kf5 42.g7 Kf6 43.Rg4 Rxg7 44.Rxb4 Rg2 45.Rb6+ Kf5 46.Rxa6 Rxb2 47.Ra4 Kg5 48.Rb4 h2 49.Rd4 Kh5 50.b4 Kg5 51.Rc4 Kf5 52.Rh4 Kg5 53.Re4 Kf5 54.Rc4 Kg5 55.b5** Deflection **55...Rxb5**
[55...Kh5 is interesting. 56.Rc5+ Kg4 57.Rc4+ Kf3]
56.Kxh2 Rf5 57.Kg3 Rf6 58.Rg4+ Kh6 59.Ra4 Kg7 60.Kg4 Rg6+ 61.Kf5 Rf6+ 62.Kg5 Rf7 63.Ra6 Kh7 64.Rh6+ Kg8 65.Rc6 Rg7+ 66.Kf6 Rf7+ 67.Ke6 Rg7 68.Rc8+ Kh7 69.Rc1 Rg6+ 70.Kf5 Rh6 71.Rc7+ Kh8 72.Kg5 Rh7 73.Rc8+ Kg7 74.Rc6 Kg8 75.Rc8+ Kg7 76.Ra8 Rh8 0.41/51
[76...Rh1= -0.01/32]
77.Ra7+ 0.01/26
[77.Rxh8± 0.41/51 should be considered. Kxh8]
77...Kg8? #15/26
[77...Kf8= 0.01/26]
78.Kg6 Rh1 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.32
79.Ra8#
1-0

C70

□ **SavaKrasavaVictory** **2897**
■ **Magicmaster17** **2752**
Blitz 04.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Chapter **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 Nxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.d4 Bb7** 1.11/20
[8...exd4± 0.62/19 9.Qxd4 *(9.Nxd4 Bb7= 10.Re1 Ne7 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nd5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Bd2 c5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Ba5 Qd7 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rad1 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bf8 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Qg3 Rd8*

23.h4 Rd7 24.Rd3 c4 1-0 (29) Obiamiwe,P (2540)-Allahverdiev,A (2380) 17/465 Vrnjacka Banja 1974 (3) *)* 9...Ne7]
[8...f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qf7 16.c4 Be7 17.Nf5 Rd8 18.Be3 g6 19.Nh6 Chapter-Taimanov Furman Line 2012]

9.Nbd2N 0.01/20
[9.dxe5± 1.11/20 Strongly threatening Nc3. dxe5 *(9...Bxe4 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Qe2 d5 12.Bd2 Ne7 13.e6 f6 14.Nd4 c5 15.Ncxb5 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba5 Bxb5 18.c4 Qb8 19.cxb5 Qxb5 20.Qh5+* 1-0 Idani,P-Zaman,A USSR 11/537 1971 *)* 10.Nxe5]

9...Nf6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Bc5 0.98/21
[11...Qd6= 0.22/20 remains equal. 12.Nd3 0-0-0]

12.Nd3± Qe7 13.e5 Nd7 14.Qg4 h5 1.30/21
[Black should try 14...0-0± 0.55/21]

15.Qe2 0.84/20
[15.Qxg7? 0-0-0 16.Nxc5 Qxc5 *(16...Rdg8 17.Qxh8 Rxh8 18.Nxb7∓)* 17.Qxf7 Rhg8-+]
[White should try 15.Qh3 1.30/21]

15...Bb6 16.Nf3 0-0-0

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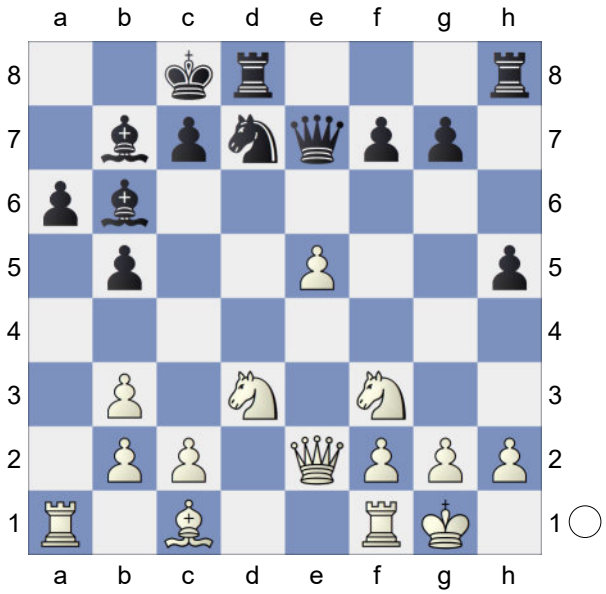

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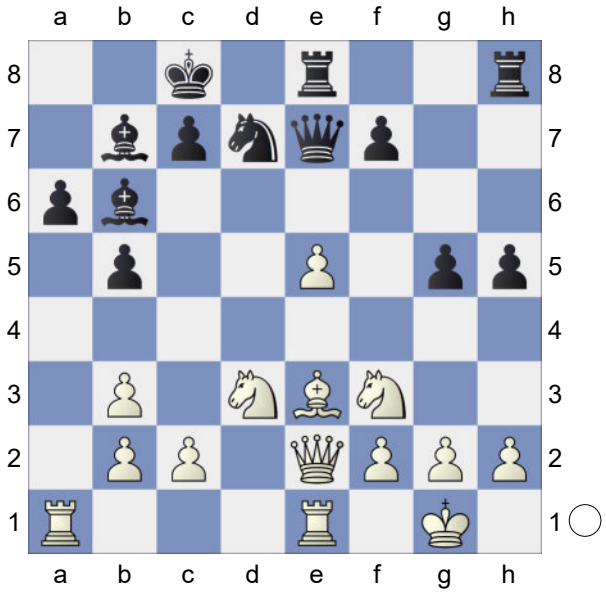

19.Bxb6!+-
[Weaker is 19.Nxg5 Nxe5 20.Qd2 Nxd3 21.cxd3 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Qd7±]

19...cxb6 4.72/21
[19...Nxb6 2.45/20 was necessary. 20.Nd4 Qd7]

20.Nd4 Kb8 21.c3 2.90/20
[⌓21.Rxa6 4.94/21 f6 22.Rea1 *(22.e6 Qd6±)* 22...Nxe5 23.Rxb6]

21...g4? 5.72/20
[21...Nc5 2.90/20 22.Nf5 Qc7 23.Nxc5 Qxc5]

22.Nb4 A dynamic duo of knights.

22...Qc5 Against Nbc6+ **23.Nxa6+ Bxa6 24.Rxa6 Rxe5 25.Qd1 Kb7 26.Rxe5 Qxe5** 7.94/25
[26...Nxe5 2.86/25 27.Ra1 Qd5]
27.Qa1 Intending Ra7+ and mate.
27...Re8 and ...Qe1+ should not be overlooked **28.Ra7+** Skewer **28...Kb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=1.11
29.Nc6+ Normal
1-0

C70
□ **VirtualSpace** **2894**
■ **ForNairobi** **2726**
Blitz 08.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d3 -0.17/20
[7.d4± 0.50/21 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
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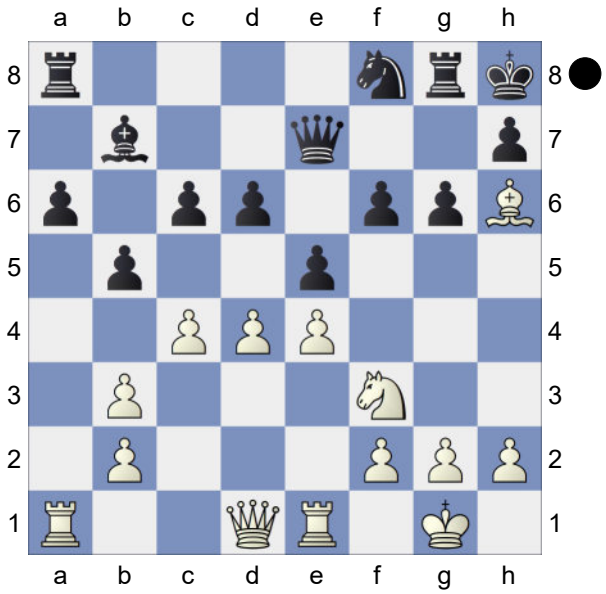
[7...Nf6= -0.17/20 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 22.Nd5 Qg6 ½-½ (47) Paul,J (2312)-Mikhalevski,V (2519) Philadelphia op 16th 2023 (2) 23.Qf3 c3 24.b3 Bd2 25.Qd3 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 Rb8 27.Rxa6 Rxb4 28.Rxd6 Qxe4 29.Rd7 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Rd4 31.Rxe5 Ra8 32.Nh2 Ra2 33.Nf3 Rd8 34.Ne1 Rda8 35.f3 R8a6 36.Re8+ Kh7 37.Kf1 Rb6 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22. DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
8.Re1 -0.01/21
[8.Bd5± 0.74/21]
8...Nxb3!= 9.axb3 Be7 The position is equal. **10.Nbd2 Nf6 11.Nf1 0-0 12.Ng3 Nd7 13.Nf5 g6 14.Nh6+** -0.42/23 Excellent horsemanship.
[14.Nxe7+± 0.36/21 Qxe7 15.Bh6]
14...Kg7 0.23/20
[14...Kh8∓ -0.42/23]
15.Ng4 -0.28/22
[⌓15.d4 0.23/20]
15...Kh8 Threatens to win with ...f5.
16.Bh6 Rg8 White should prevent ...f5.
17.Ne3 -0.38/19
[17.Qd2= -0.02/21]
17...Nf8 0.15/21
[17...f5∓ -0.38/19]
18.d4 f6 19.Nd5 c6 Prevents c4
20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.c4→

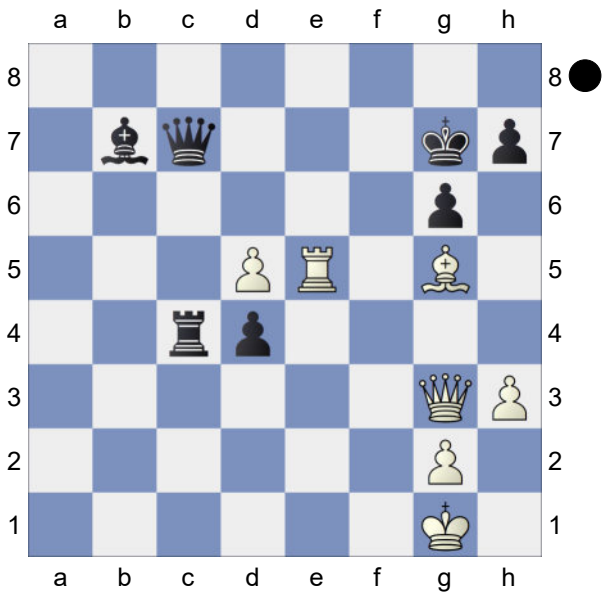


Black needs to defend precisely.
21...Ne6 0.54/22

[21...c5= 0.18/20 might be stronger.]
22.Be3 Rgd8 23.Qc2 Kg7 1.25/20
[23...Nxd4± 0.55/19 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Bxd4 c5]
24.Rad1 0.77/19
[⌓24.d5 1.25/20]
24...Qf7 1.29/21
[⌓24...c5 0.77/19]
25.h3 0.73/20
[25.h4 1.29/21]
25...c5± 26.d5 Nd4 27.Nxd4 cxd4
28.Bd2 and f4 should not be overlooked Black is on the road to losing. **28...Rdc8** 1.66/20
[Black should play 28...g5!± 0.63/21]
29.Qd3 0.69/19
[29.f4+- 1.66/20]
29...Qd7 1.90/21
[29...g5± 0.69/19]
30.Rc1 1.19/19
[Better is 30.f4+- 1.90/21]
30...f5? 4.57/20
[30...g5± 1.19/19 is more resistant.]
31.f4+- fxe4 32.Rxe4
[Not 32.Qxe4 Re8±]
32...bxc4 33.bxc4 Re8 34.fxe5 dxe5
Black is weak on the dark squares
35.Rce1 Qc7 36.b3 a5 37.Qg3 a4 38.bxa4 Rxa4 39.Rxe5 Rxe5 40.Rxe5 Rxc4 41.Bg5

(Diagram)

White threatens Qf4 and mate. **41...Rc3 42.Qf4 Re3 43.Qf6+** 10.54/5
[⌓43.Bh6+ #2/6 Kh8 44.Qf8#]
43...Kg8 44.Rxe3 dxe3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.99
45.Bh6
1-0



C70
□ **Bryce_Loski** **2890**
■ **mitsutszkisszucs** **2689**
Blitz 14.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

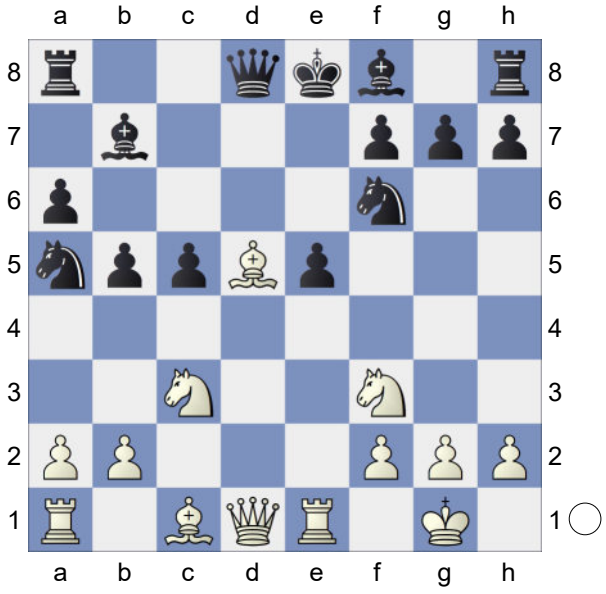
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1
[8.Qxd4 Bb7=]
8...c5N 1.55/22
[8...Be7± 0.62/23]
[8...Ne7 9.Nxd4 c5 10.Nf5 Bxf5 11.exf5 c4 12.Nc3 Nac6 *(12...f6 13.a4 cxb3 14.axb5 Kf7 15.bxa6 Nac6 16.Nd5 bxc2 17.Qxc2 Nxd5 18.Qxc6 Ne7 19.Rxe7+ Bxe7 20.Qd5+ Kf8 21.b4 g5 22.b5 Kg7 23.Be3 Qd7 24.b6 Rhb8 25.h4 Qc8 26.Qb5 h6 27.Bd4* 1-0 (32) Inarkiev, E (2693)-Moiseenko,V (2523) Turkiye 141/114 2019 *)* 13.a4 cxb3 14.axb5 bxc2 15.Qxc2 axb5 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Nxb5 Kd7 18.Rd1 Nc8 19.f6

Qa2 20.Nc3 Qe6 21.Nd5 gxf6 22.Qb3 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #5]
[8...Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 10.c3 Bb7 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Nh4 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Bf4 cxd4 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 21.h4 Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Bg5 (24) 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #1 Bxg5 24.hxg5 Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 2]

9.Bd5!± White is more active. **9...Bb7** White is better. **10.c3 dxc3** 3.40/25
[10...Be7± 1.30/23]

11.Nxc3+- Nf6? 5.56/25
[11...Ne7 2.97/23 12.Ng5 Bxd5 *(12...Nxd5 13.exd5+ Be7 14.Qh5±)* 13.exd5 h6]

12.e5 dxe5



13.Nxe5! Bxd5 14.Nc6+ Discovered Attack (Check) **14...Be6 15.Nxd8 Rxd8 16.Qf3 Be7 17.Bg5 0-0 18.h3 Nc4 19.b3 Nd6 20.Rad1 h6 21.Bf4 Nf5 22.Be5 Nd4 23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.Ne4** 0.87/22
[24.Ne2+- 2.74/24 is more deadly.]

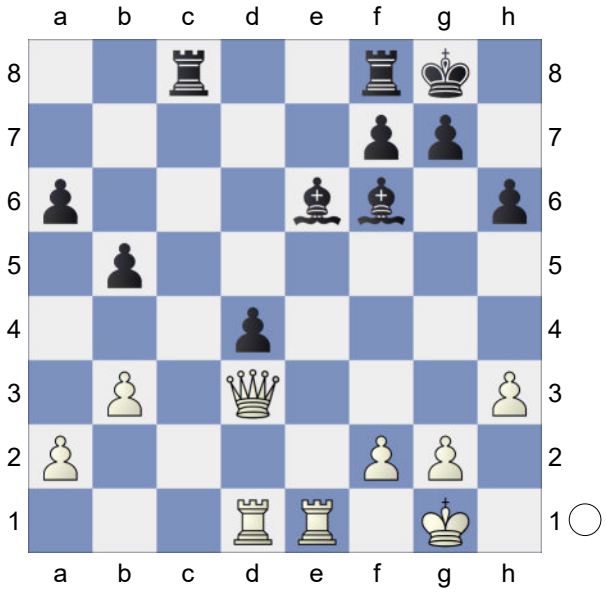
24...Nxe4 2.11/25
[24...Rd5± 0.87/22]

25.Qxe4
[Don't take 25.Rxe4 Bd5]

25...Bf6 2.08/21
[⌓25...Bb4 1.61/23]

26.Qd3? 0.50/24
[26.Qc6+- 2.08/21]

26...Rc8 1.20/24
[26...Rd6± 0.50/24]



27.Rc1 0.47/22
[27.Re2!± 1.20/24]

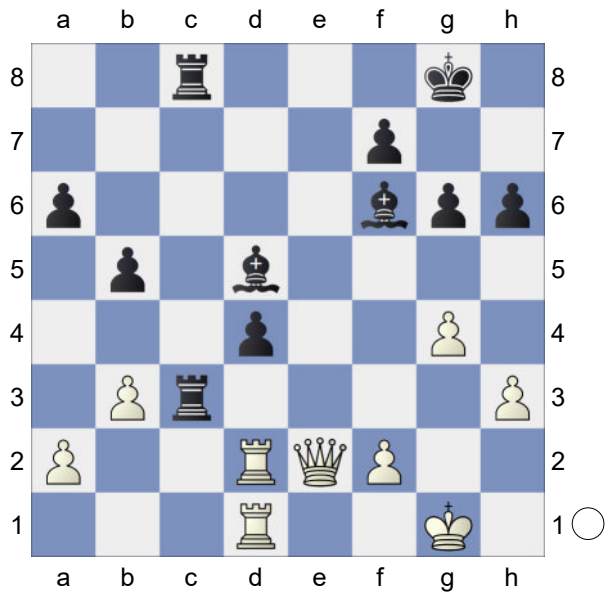
27...Rc3± 28.Qe4 Rfc8 29.Rcd1 Rd8 30.Rd3 g6 31.g4 0.01/26 Wards off Bf5
[31.Qf3± 0.65/24 Bg7 32.Red1]

31...Bd5⇄ Black puts up resistance

32.Qe2 Rdc8 33.Red1 Black must now prevent Rxd4. **33...Rc2?** 1.77/25
[33...Kg7= 0.05/24]

34.R3d2+- R2c3 2.49/26
[34...Rc1 1.63/24 was necessary. 35.Kh2 Kg7]

(Diagram)



35.Rxd4! Bxd4 36.Rxd4 Bf3 4.53/24
[36...Rc2 2.17/24 37.Rd2 Rc1+ 38.Rd1 Kh7]
37.Qe7 Ba8 11.03/25
[⌓37...Rc2 4.25/26 38.Rd8+ Rxd8 0 39.Qxd8+ Kh7 40.Qf6 6 Bd5 41.Qxa6 Rc1+ 42.Kh2 0 Rh1+ 43.Kg3 0 Rg1+ 44.Kf4 Re1]
38.Rd8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.72
38...Rxd8 0
1-0

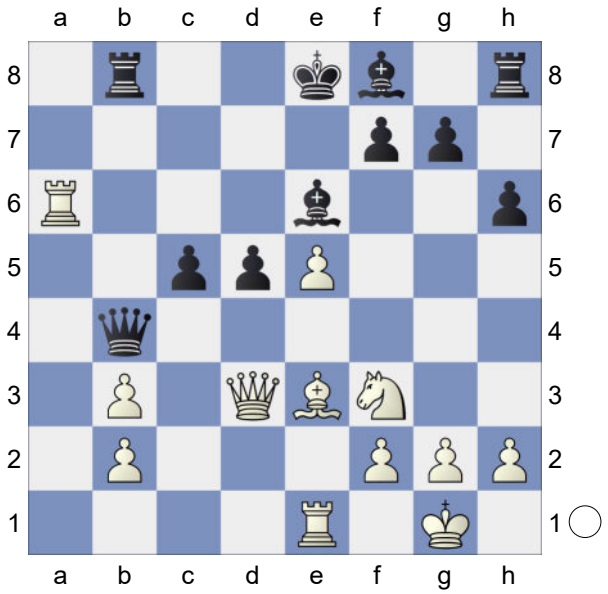
C70

□ **Night-King96** **2890**
■ **Arseniii_Nesterov** **2861**
Blitz 08.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 -0.04/23
[7.d4± 0.56/23 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
[7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22.DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
7...Bb7N
[7...Nxb3 8.axb3 Bb7 9.d4 f6 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.d5 Qd7 12.f4 b4 13.Na4 exf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.c4 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Stertenbrink,G (2286)-Schellingerhout,J (2409) HMC Calder Cup 2014]
8.Re1
[8.d4 exd4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Ng5+]
8...Nxb3 9.axb3 The position is equal.
9...b4 0.60/25
[9...c5!= -0.27/22]
10.Nd5± c5 11.c3! Ne7 12.d4
[12.cxb4 Nxd5 13.exd5 f6=]
12...Nxd5 13.exd5 Bxd5? 2.07/22
[13...cxd4± 0.56/20 14.Qxd4 *(14.cxb4? Be7-+)* 14...f6 *(14...Be7 15.Qxb4 Bxd5 16.Rd1±)*]
14.dxe5+- Be6 15.Bg5 Qb6
Black is weak on the dark squares
16.cxb4 exd6 would now be deadly.
16...d5 17.Qd3 h6 18.Be3 Qxb4 19.Rxa6 Rb8

(Diagram)

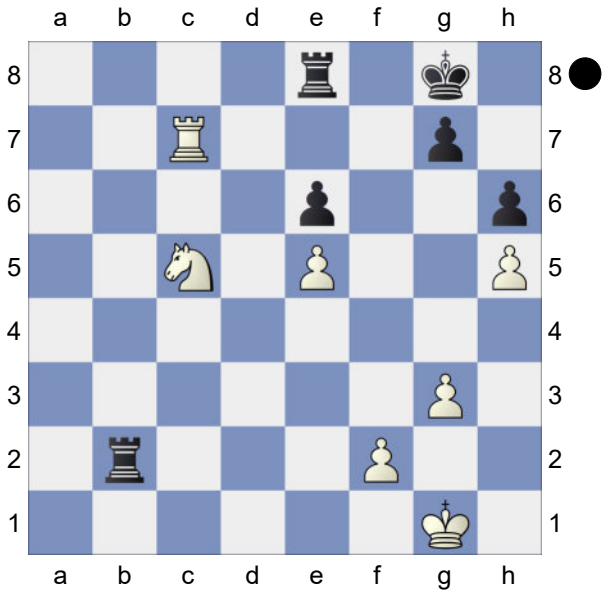
20.Rxe6+ 0.58/24 **fxe6± 21.Qg6+ Kd7! 22.Ra1! Be7! 23.h4 Ra8** Dodges Ra7+



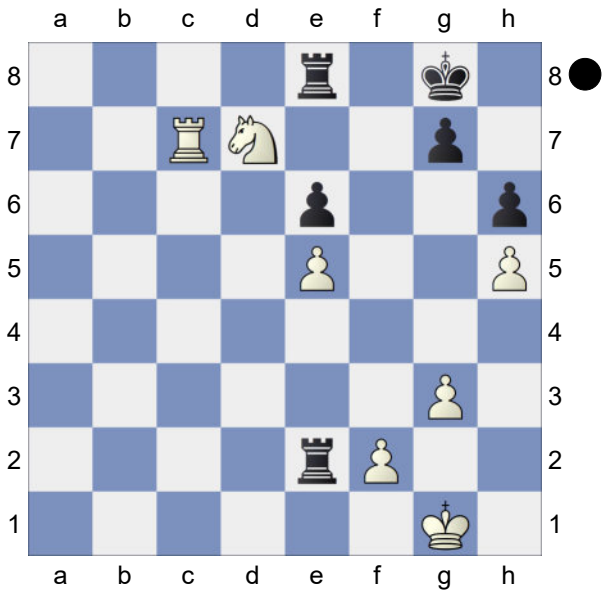
24.Rc1 Qe4 The board is on fire.
[24...Rhg8 25.h5 Rgf8 26.Qxg7 Rg8]
25.Qxe4
[25.Qxg7? Rhg8 26.Nd2 *(26.Qxh6? Qxf3 27.g3 Raf8-+; 26.Qf7? Raf8-+)* 26...Rxg7-+]
25...dxe4 26.Nd2 Rhb8 -0.10/22
[26...Bxh4∓ -0.50/24 27.Nxe4 Be7]
27.Nxe4= Rxb3 28.Bxc5 -0.50/24
[28.Nxc5+= -0.01/25 was preferable. Bxc5 29.Rxc5]
28...Rxb2 0.01/25
[Black should play 28...Rc8!∓ -0.50/24]
29.Bxe7
[29.Bd6 seems wilder. Bxd6 30.exd6 Ra7 31.Kh2]
29...Kxe7 Endgame KRR-KRN **30.Rc7+ Kf8 31.Nc5 Re8 32.g3 Kg8 33.h5?** -3.74/25
[33.Nd3= -0.04/23 Rb3 34.Nf4]

(Diagram)

33...Re2? -0.22/21
[33...Rc2!-+ -3.74/25 34.Kg2 Rf8]
34.Nd7? -3.07/27



[34.Nd3!= -0.22/21 and White stays safe.]



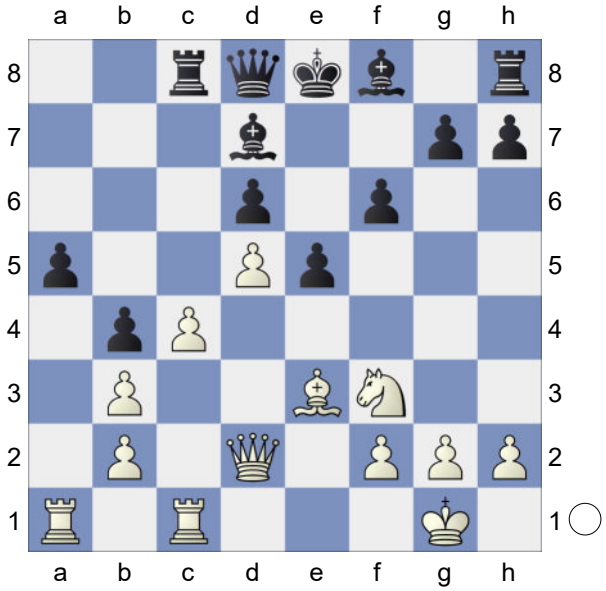
34...Ra8!-+ 35.Kg2? -6.03/25
[35.Rc3 -2.55/24]
35...Raa2 36.Nc5 Rxf2+
[36...Rxe5? 37.Rc8+ Kf7 *(37...Kh7 38.Nd7∓)* 38.Rc7+ Kg8 39.Rc8+ Kf7 40.Rc7+ Ke8 41.Nd3-+]
37.Kh3 Rf5? -1.03/25
[37...Rac2-+ -7.10/27 and Black stays clearly on top. 38.Nxe6 Rxc7 39.Nxc7 Rf5]

38.Nxe6∓ Rxh5+ 39.Kg4 Rxe5
40.Nxg7 -11.78/26
[40.Rxg7+∓ -1.17/24 Kh8 41.Rg6]
40...Rg5+-+ 41.Kh4 Rxg7 42.Rc8+ Kh7 43.Kh3 Prevents Rh2+ **43...Ra5** and ...Ra3 should not be overlooked
44.Rc2 Rag5 45.Kg2 h5 -12.05/22
[⌓45...Rxg3+ -#15/26 46.Kh2 R3g5 47.Rc3 Rh5+ 48.Rh3 Kg6 49.Rxh5 Kxh5 50.Kh3 Rg5 51.Kh2 Kh4 52.Kh1 Kg3 53.Kg1 Rf5 54.Kh1 Rf1#]
46.Rc4 h4 47.Rxh4+ Kg6 48.Rc4 Rf7 49.Rc6+ Rf6 50.Rc3 Rg4 51.Rb3 Rf5 52.Rc3 Kh5 53.Rd3 Re4 (-> ...Kg4)
54.Rd2 Kg4 55.Rd3 Re2+ 56.Kg1 Rf3 57.Rd4+ Kxg3 -11.89/5
[⌓57...Kh3 -#4/10 58.Rd1 Rg2+ *(58...Kxg3* is a self mate. *59.Kh1 Kh3 60.Kg1 Rg2+ 61.Kh1 Rfg3 62.Rf1 Rh2#)* 59.Kh1 Rfxg3 60.Rf1 Rh2#]
58.Rd1 Rff2 -6.67/5
[⌓58...Kh3 -#4/10 59.Rb1 Rg2+ 60.Kh1 Rfg3 61.Rf1 Rh2#]
59.Rd3+ Rf3? -0.01/84
[59...Kg4 -#10/22 mates 60.Rb3 Rf4 61.Rb6 Kg3 62.Rg6+ Rg4 63.Rxg4+ Kxg4 64.Kf1 Kf3 65.Kg1 Re1+ 66.Kh2 Rf1 67.Kh3 Rh1#]
60.Rd1= Rfe3 -4.87/5
[⌓60...Kh3 -#4/14 61.Ra1 Rg2+ 62.Kh1 Rfg3 63.Rf1 Rh2#]
61.Rf1 -#2/6
[61.Kf1-+ -4.87/5 Rf2+ 62.Kg1 Ref3 63.Rc1 Kh3 64.Re1 Rg2+ 65.Kh1 Rfg3 66.Rf1 Rh2#]
61...Re1 62.Kh1 Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.73
62...Rxf1#
0-1

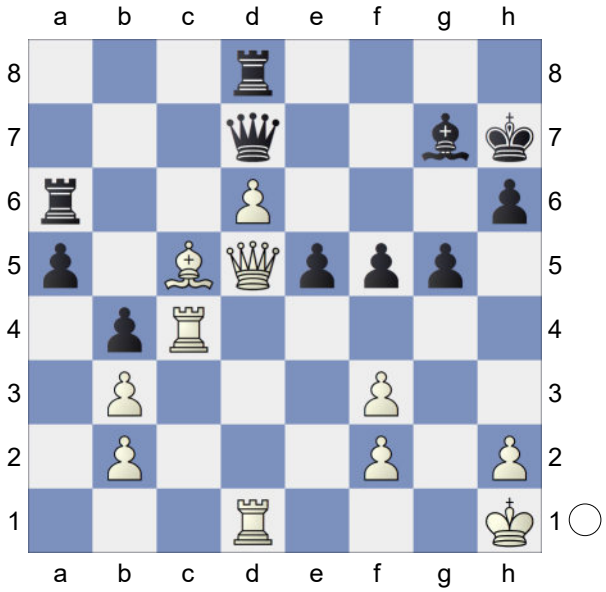
C70
□ **NoRolex** **2885**
■ **Arka50** **2920**
Blitz 15.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Inf.26/276 Parma,B: 'Inf 26/276' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 Nxb3** 0.77/21
[6...d6± 0.32/20 deserves consideration.]
7.axb3± d6 8.c4N
[8.d4 exd4 *(8...Bb7 9.dxe5 Bxe4 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Qe2 d5 12.Bd2 Ne7 13.e6 f6 14.Nd4 c5 15.Ncxb5 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba5 Bxb5 18.c4 Qb8 19.cxb5 Qxb5 20.Qh5+* 1-0 Hietanen,P-Dashkevich,V W/M corr 1982*; 8...f6 9.Nh4 Ne7 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Be3 g5 12.Qf3 Bg7 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 0-0 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Bc5 Nxf5 18.Bxf8 Bxf8 19.Nd5 Kg7 20.g4* 1-0 Schoesser,M-Drilinsh,A 89/(267) Buenos Aires 2003 *)* 9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Re1 Ne7 11.Nc3 Qd7 *(11...Nc6 12.Nd5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Bd2 c5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Ba5 Qd7 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rad1 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bf8 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Qg3 Rd8 23.h4 Rd7 24.Rd3 c4 25.bxc4 Qxc4 26.c3* 1-0 (29) Parma,B (2540)-Hoen, R (2380) Olympiad-23 Buenos Aires 1978 (3) *)* 12.Qf3 c5 13.Nde2 Ng6 14.Ng3 Be7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 0-0 17.Qf5 Rfd8 18.Qxd7 Rxd7 19.Bd2 Bf6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 a5 22.Nf5 Kf8 0-1 (64) Panov,V-Bondarevsky,I Moscow-ch25 Final 1946 (2)]
8...Bb7 White is slightly better. **9.Nc3 c6**

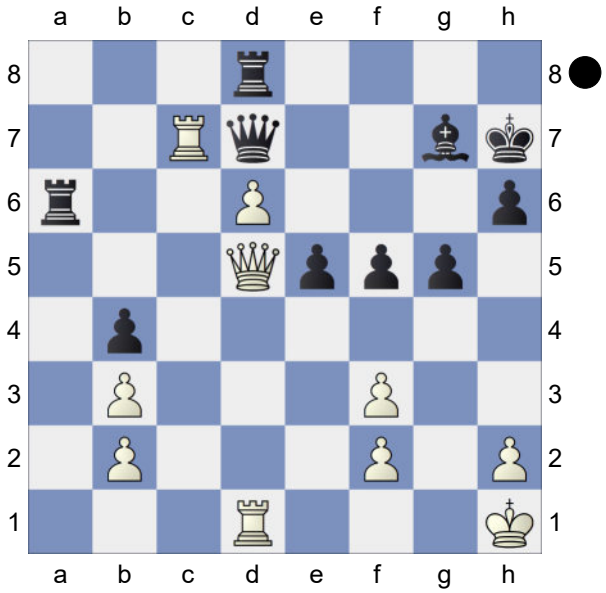
1.33/23
[9...c5= 0.26/21 keeps the balance.]
10.d4 f6 1.70/20
[10...Qc7± 1.04/19]
11.d5 1.19/20
[11.Be3+- 1.70/20]
11...Ne7 12.dxc6 Bxc6 13.Be3 b4 2.21/22
[13...g6± 1.57/17 14.cxb5 axb5]
14.Nd5+- Nxd5 15.exd5
[15.cxd5 Bb5±]
15...Bd7 16.Qd2 1.03/18
[16.c5+- 2.26/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
16...a5 17.Rfc1 0.70/20
[17.Rfd1± 1.22/19]
17...Rc8 1.50/21
[17...Qb8± 0.70/20]



18.c5 0.80/20 **dxc5± 19.d6** -0.56/22
[19.Qd3± 0.89/21]
19...Bg4 0.78/21
[19...Qb6∓ -0.56/22 stays ahead.]
20.Bxc5 Bxf3 7.09/23
[20...Kf7± 0.66/20]
21.gxf3+- Kf7 22.Qd5+ Kg6 23.Kh1 h6 24.Rg1+ Kh7 25.Qe4+ Kg8 26.Rac1 Qd7 27.Qd5+ Kh7 28.Rc4 Rc6? 4.57/21
[28...Qf5 2.60/23 29.Rd1 Rd8]
29.Rcg4? 0.62/25
[29.Qe4++- 4.57/21 f5 30.Qxe5]
29...g5± 30.Rc4 Strongly threatening Rd1. **30...Bg7?** 4.59/22
[Better is 30...Bxd6± 0.60/22 31.Rd1 Rd8 32.Bxb4 Rxc4 33.bxc4 axb4]
31.Rd1 2.46/20
[⌓31.Ra1 4.59/22]
31...Rd8+- 32.Qe4+ f5 33.Qd5 Ra6



34.Bxb4?? -8.39/20 **axb4-+** Black is clearly winning. **35.Rc7**



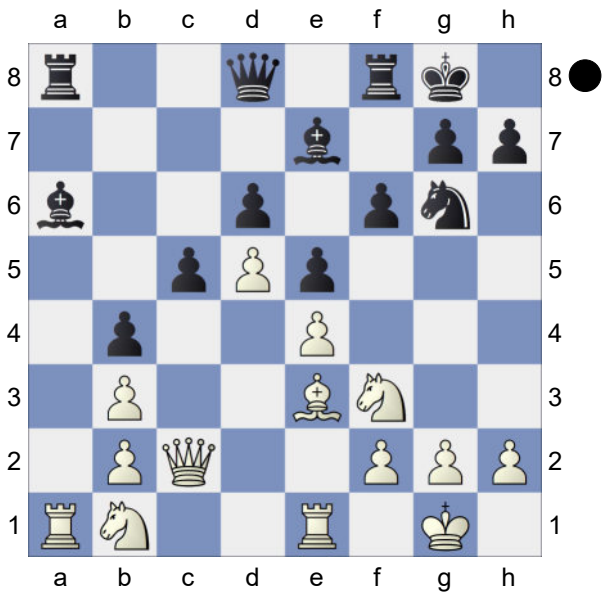
Qxc7!! 36.dxc7 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Endgame KRB-KR **37...Ra1+ 38.Kg2 Rc1 39.Rd7 Kg6 40.Rd6+ Bf6 41.Rd7 h5 42.h3 e4 43.fxe4** Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.64
43...fxe4
[43...Bxb2 44.exf5+ Kxf5 45.Rd2-+]
0-1

C70

□ **NoRolex** **2884**
■ **Arka50** **2921**
Blitz 15.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Inf.26/276 Parma,B: 'Inf 26/276' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 Nxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.Re1N** 0.21/20
[8.d4± 0.65/21 exd4 *(8...Bb7 9.dxe5 Bxe4 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Qe2 d5 12.Bd2 Ne7 13.e6 f6 14.Nd4 c5 15.Ncxb5 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba5 Bxb5 18.c4 Qb8 19.cxb5 Qxb5 20.Qh5+* 1-0 Hietanen,P-Dashkevich, V W/M corr 1982*; 8...f6 9.Nh4 Ne7 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Be3 g5 12.Qf3 Bg7 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 0-0 16.Rfd1 Qc8 17.Bc5 Nxf5 18.Bxf8 Bxf8 19.Nd5 Kg7 20.g4* 1-0 Schoesser,M-Drilinsh,A 89/(267) Buenos Aires 2003 *)* 9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Re1 Ne7 11.Nc3 Qd7 *(11...Nc6 12.Nd5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Bd2 c5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Ba5 Qd7 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rad1 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bf8 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Qg3 Rd8 23.h4 Rd7 24.Rd3 c4 25.bxc4 Qxc4 26.c3* 1-0 (29) Parma,B (2540)-Hoen, R (2380) Olympiad-23 Buenos Aires 1978 (3) *)* 12.Qf3 c5 13.Nde2 Ng6 14.Ng3 Be7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 0-0 17.Qf5 Rfd8 18.Qxd7 Rxd7 19.Bd2 Bf6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 a5 22.Nf5 Kf8 23.Kf1 0-1 (64) Panov, V-Bondarevsky,I Moscow-ch25 Final 1946 (2)]
8...Bb7 0.70/21
[8...c5= 0.21/20]
9.c4 0.01/21
[9.d4± 0.70/21]
9...Ne7 0.39/21
[9...c5!= 0.01/21]
10.Nc3 -0.01/22
[10.d4± 0.39/21]
10...c6 0.65/21
[10...b4= -0.01/22 11.Nd5 c5]
11.d4 f6 1.21/19
[11...Ng6± 0.56/18]
12.Be3± Ng6 13.Qd3 0.79/20
[⌓13.d5 1.42/22]
13...Be7 14.Rad1 0.32/19
[14.h4± 0.85/21]
14...0-0± 15.d5 c5 16.cxb5 axb5
17.Ra1 0.01/23
[17.Nxb5? Ba6 18.b4 Qb8 *(18...cxb4? 19.Ra1-+)* 19.bxc5 Bxb5-+ *(19...Qxb5 20.Qxb5 Bxb5 21.c6∓)*]
[17.Qxb5± 0.52/21 Rb8 18.Qe2]
17...Ba6 0.74/20
[17...b4= 0.01/23 18.Ne2 Qb8]
18.Qc2 -0.44/21
[18.Nxb5? Qb6 19.Qc3 Bxb5-+ *(19...Qxb5? 20.Ra3-+)*]
[Better is 18.h3± 0.74/20]
18...b4∓ 19.Nb1 -1.24/23
[19.Ne2= 0.01/22]

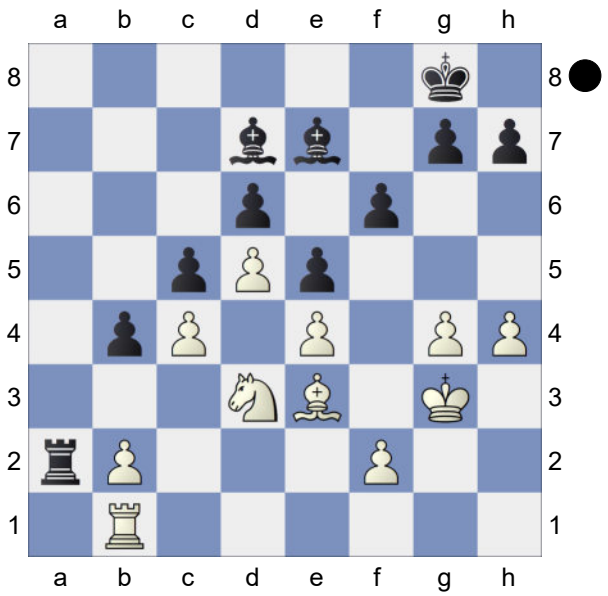
(Diagram)



19...Bd3!∓ Discovered Attack **20.Rxa8 Bxc2 21.Rxd8 Rxd8**
[21...Bxd8 22.Nbd2∓]
22.Nbd2 Ra8 -0.69/24
[22...f5∓ -1.27/24 23.exf5 Bxf5]
23.Rc1∓ Bd3 24.Ne1 Bb5 Black is more active. **25.Nc4 Nf8** -0.29/22
[25...f5∓ -0.77/22 26.exf5 Nh4]
26.Nd3 -1.09/21
[26.Nf3= -0.29/22 keeps the balance.]
26...Nd7 27.g4 Ra6 -0.28/22
[27...Ra2∓ -0.88/20]
28.Kg2= Nb6? 2.25/25
[28...g6∓ -0.35/21 keeps the upper hand.]
29.h4? -0.25/23
[29.Nxb4!+- 2.25/25 Bxc4 30.Nxa6 *(30.Nc6? Bd3-+)* 30...Bxa6 31.Ra1]
29...Nxc4 30.bxc4 Bd7 31.Kg3 Ra2 32.Rb1

(Diagram)

h5! 33.Nc1
[33.gxh5 Ba4]
33...Ra6 -0.16/28
[33...Ra8∓ -0.59/27 deserves



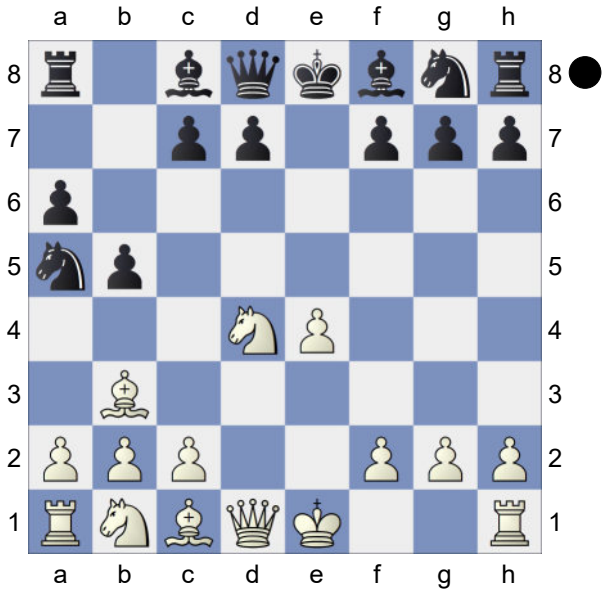
consideration. 34.gxh5 f5]
34.f3 hxg4 35.fxg4 g6! 36.Nb3 f5 37.gxf5 -2.51/23
[37.Bf2∓ -0.42/22]
37...gxf5-+ 38.exf5 Bxf5 39.Ra1 -7.32/26
[39.Rg1∓ -1.57/21]
39...Rxa1 40.Nxa1 Endgame KBB-KBN
40...Bd3 41.b3 e4 White must now prevent ...Bf6. **42.Bg5 Bxg5 43.hxg5 e3** Black mates. **44.Kf3 e2 45.Kf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.41
45...Kg7
0-1

C70

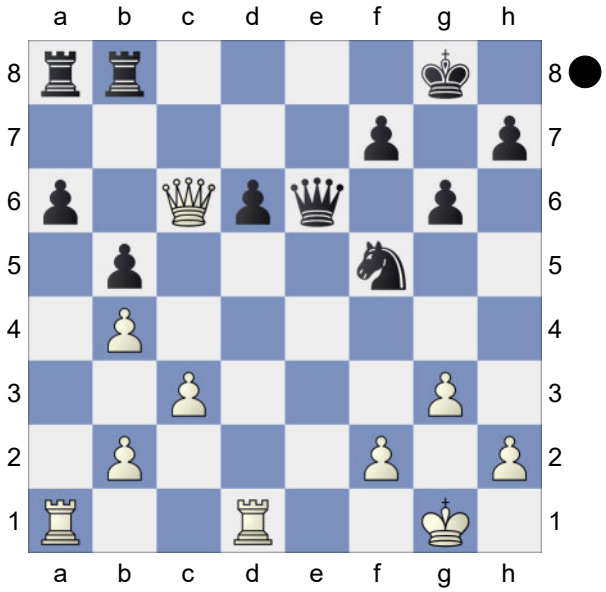
□ **EleKtRoMaGnIt** **2880**
■ **Arseniii_Nesterov** **2900**
Blitz 01.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4
[7.Qxd4 Bb7 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3 d6*

9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004]



Bxf7+! is the strong threat. **7...Bb7**
8.Bd2N -0.65/21
[White should play 8.c4= 0.21/19]
[8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 C 70/04 1997]
8...c5∓ 9.Qh5 Black is better. **9...c4** and ...Nc6 would now be decisive
[9...cxd4 10.Qxf7#]
10.0-0? -2.63/21 **Nc6-+**
[10...cxb3 11.Qe5+ Be7 *(11...Ne7 12.Bxa5 d6 13.Bxd8-+)* 12.axb3-+]
11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.e5 -3.36/20
[12.Bxc4 -2.17/18 might work better. bxc4 13.Nc3]
12...g6
[But not 12...cxb3 13.axb3 Ne7 14.Nc3-+]
13.Qe2 Bg7 14.Nc3 cxb3 15.axb3 Ne7 16.Bg5 0-0 17.Rfd1 Qe8 18.Bf6 Bxf6 Black is clearly winning. **19.exf6 Nf5 20.Qd2 Qe5 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Qxf6 23.c3 d6 24.b4 Rfe8 25.g3 Qe6 26.Qb7 Reb8 27.Qc6**



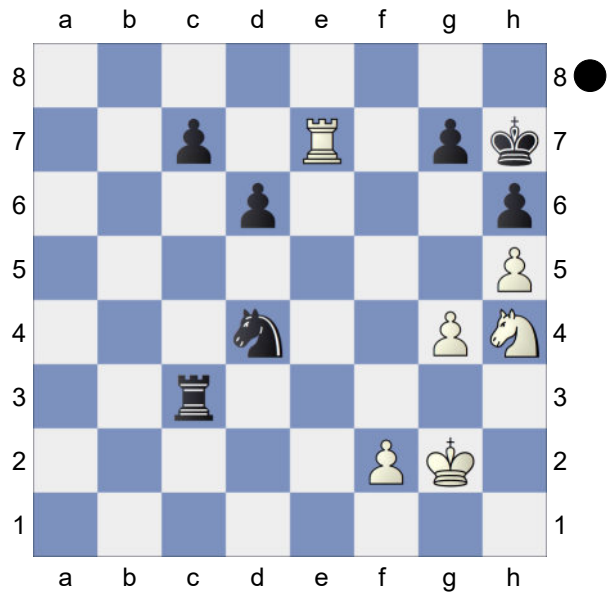
d5! 28.Qc7
[28.Qxe6 fxe6]
28...Rd8 29.Qf4 Rac8 30.Re1 Qd6 31.Qg5 h6 32.Qd2 d4 33.Qe2 dxc3 34.bxc3 Rxc3 35.Red1 White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
35...Rd3
0-1

C70
□ **MothAndTheFlame** **2872**
■ **GMVallejo** **2908**
Blitz 03.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0N
[7.Qxd4 Nxb3 *(7...Bb7 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 22.Rbc1* (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004*; 7...Ne7 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.h4 d6 10.Qe3 Nxb3 11.axb3 b4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5+ Be7 14.Qe4 0-0 15.Be3 Re8 16.0-0-0 a5 17.Qg4 Bf6 18.Ng5 g6 19.h5 Bc8 20.Qh4 h6 21.hxg6 Bxg5 22.gxf7+* 0-1 (32) Santos,L-Moen,O Olympiad-21 Final B 1974 (9) *)* 8.axb3 Ne7 *(8...d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe4+ 23.Kf1* 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qd5 Bb7 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Rd1 d6 13.Bf4 Qc8 14.Qh5 0-0 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 f6 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Re1 Ne5 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Qe2 c6 21.Nc3 Bb6 ½-½ (29) Mansfield,H-Clarke,W Leningrad 48/748 1989]
7...Bb7 8.c3 -0.24/20
[8.Qxd4± 0.41/19 Qf6 9.Qd3 *(9.Ne5 0-0-0=)*]
8...Nxb3= 9.Qxb3 Black has an edge.
9...d3 0.24/20
[9...d5!∓ -0.46/21]
10.Ne5 -0.37/18
[10.a4= 0.24/20]
10...Qf6 0.06/18
[10...Bxe4 11.Qxf7#]
[10...d5!∓ -0.37/18 was preferable. 11.Re1 Qf6 12.Nxd3 *(12.exd5 0-0-0∓)* 12...dxe4]
11.Nxd3 Ne7 12.Nd2 Ng6 13.Nf3 Be7
[13...Bxe4? 14.Re1 Qe7 15.Bg5+-]
14.Bg5 Qe6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rfe1 0-0 17.a4 Bxe4 18.axb5
[18.Nd4 d5 19.f3 c5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.fxe4 bxa4 22.Qxa4 dxe4 23.Rxe4 Rab8 24.Qc2]
18...axb5
[18...Qd6 keeps more tension. 19.Rxe4 Qxd3 20.Rea4 Rab8]
19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Qxb5 Bxd3 0.54/20
[20...Nh4∓ -0.35/19 21.Nxh4 Bxd3 22.Qb8+ Rxb8 23.Rxe7 Bb5]
21.Qxd3± Qd8 22.g3 d6 23.h4 h6 24.h5 Nf8 25.Qe4 -0.01/22
[White should play 25.Nd4± 0.49/21]
25...Ra5= 26.Qe7 -0.44/20
[26.Qc6= 0.01/21 Rc5 27.Re8 Rxc6 28.Rxd8]
26...Qxe7 -0.01/16
[26...Qb8∓ -0.44/20]
27.Rxe7∓ Endgame KRN-KRN **27...Ne6 28.Re8+ Kh7 29.g4 Rb5 30.Re7** The position is equal. **30...Rxb2 31.Rxf7** Nh4 poses a challenge **31...Rc2 32.Re7 Rxc3 33.Nh4 Nd4 34.Kg2**

(Diagram)

Kg8 35.Ng6 White has compensation.
35...c5 36.f4 And now f5 would win.
36...Ra3 37.f5 Ra8 Dodges Re8+
38.Rc7 Re8 39.Ne7+ Kf8 40.Nd5 Nb5



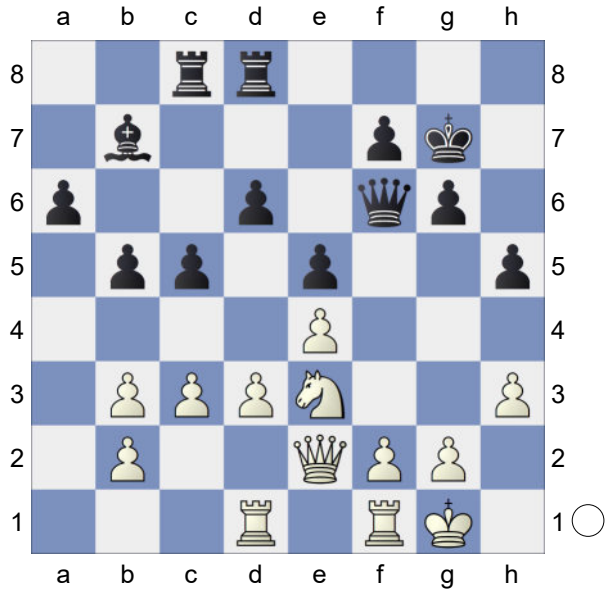
41.Rb7 Nd4 42.Nf4 Kg8 43.Rc7 Nb5 44.Rb7 Nc3 45.Rd7 Ne4 46.Kf3 Ng5+ 47.Kg3 Ne4+ 48.Kf3 Nf6 49.Rxd6 Rc8 50.Ne6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
50...c4 Loss on time!?
0-1

	C70
☐ **VirtualSpace**	**2871**
■ **ForNairobi**	**2689**
Blitz	09.10.2023

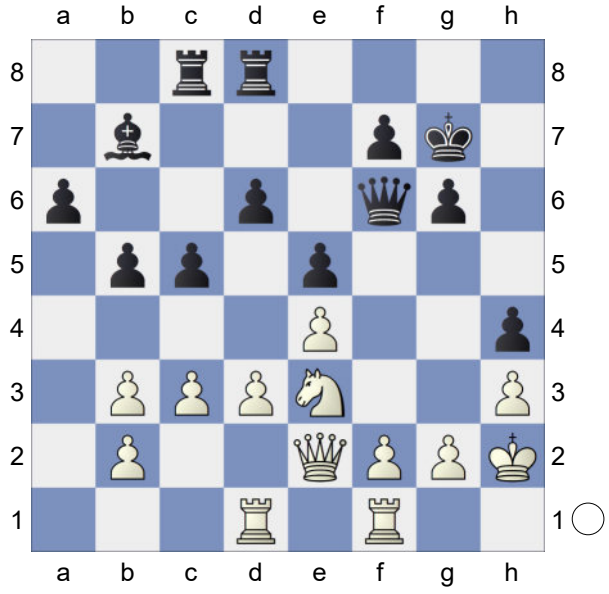
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d3 -0.13/20
[7.d4 0.30/19 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
7...Nxb3N
[7...Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 22.Nd5 ½-½ (47) Paul,J (2312)-Mikhalevski,V (2519) Philadelphia op 16th 2023 (2) Qg6 23.Qf3 c3 24.b3 Bd2 25.Qd3 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 Rb8 27.Rxa6 Rxb4 28.Rxd6 Qxe4 29.Rd7 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Rd4 31.Rxe5 Ra8 32.Nh2 Ra2 33.Nf3 Rd8 34.Ne1 Rda8 35.f3 R8a6 36.Re8+ Kh7 37.Kf1 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22. DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
8.axb3 c5 9.Nbd2 -0.41/21
[9.b4= 0.01/21]
9...Bb7 Black is slightly better. **10.Re1 Nf6 11.Nf1 h5** 0.23/22
[11...g6 -0.19/20 should be considered.]
12.Bg5 Be7 13.c3 g6 14.Ne3 0-0 15.h3 Nh7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qc2 -0.73/20
[17.b4= 0.29/23 remains equal.]
17...Rac8 0.10/24
[17...f5∓ -0.73/20]
18.Qd2
[18.Nd5 is more complex. Qd8 19.Qd2 Kg7 20.c4]
18...Kg7 19.Rad1 -0.54/20
[19.c4= 0.19/24]
19...Rfd8 0.41/23
[19...f5∓ -0.54/20]
20.Qe2 -0.12/21
[20.c4!± 0.41/23]
20...Ng5 21.Nxg5 Qxg5 22.Rf1 -0.39/20
[22.f3= 0.01/22]
22...Qf6 0.86/24

[22...d5∓ -0.39/20 stays ahead.]

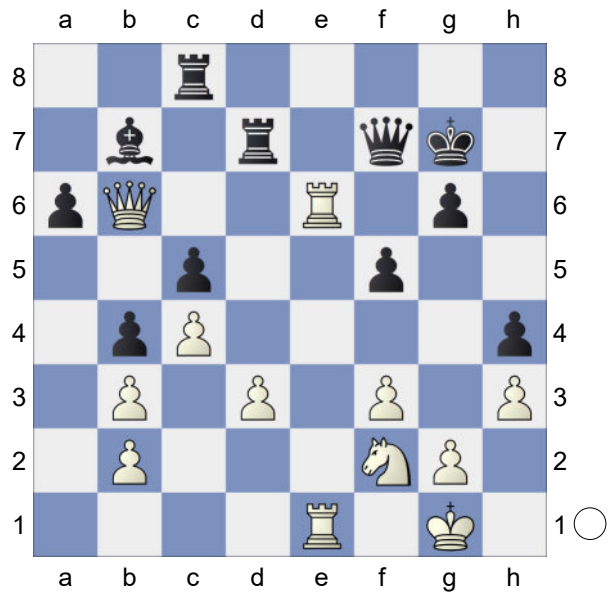


23.Kh2? -0.71/24
[23.f4!± 0.86/24]
23...h4? 0.85/22
[23...d5∓ -0.71/24]



24.Qd2 -0.01/22
[24.f4!± 0.85/22]
24...d5 25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Ng4 -1.31/24
[26.f4!= -0.14/21 Be6 *(26...exf4 27.Nxd5 Rxd5 28.Rxf4=; 26...Bxb3? 27.Ng4+-)* 27.fxe5 Qxe5+ 4 28.Kh1]
26...Qd6? 1.14/24
[26...Qf4+∓ -1.31/24 and life is bright. 27.Qxf4 exf4]
27.Qh6+→ White goes for the king.
27...Kg8 28.c4 0.88/22
[⌓28.Qxh4 1.30/22 aiming for f4!. Bxb3 29.f4 *(29.Nf6+ Kg7=)* 29...exf4 *(29...Bxd1? 30.fxe5 Qe6 31.Rxd1+-)* 30.Rde1]
28...Bb7 1.67/23
[28...f5± 0.88/22]
29.Kg1? -0.25/21
[29.Qxh4?! f5⩲]
[29.Rfe1+- 1.67/23]
A mistake that costs the game.
29...Qc6? 3.16/24
[29...f5= -0.25/21 30.Ne3 Qf6]
30.f3+-
[30.Nxe5? Qxg2#]
30...Rd4? 4.25/23
[30...Qd6 2.58/21 31.Rfe1 *(31.Qxh4 f5±)* 31...Rf8 32.Qxh4 *(32.Nxe5 Qd4+ 33.Qe3 Rfd8±; 32.Rxe5 Bxf3 33.gxf3 f5±)* 32...Qd4+ 33.Kh1 f5]
31.Nxe5
[31.Qxh4 f5 32.Nh6+ 10 Inferior is 32...Kg7 33.Qg5 11 Qf6∓]
31...Qf6 32.Ng4 Qg7 5.21/21
[32...Qf4 2.61/21 33.Qxh4 Kg7]
33.Qe3 2.15/22
[⌓33.Qg5 5.21/21]
33...f5? 4.02/23
[33...Rf8 2.15/22 34.cxb5 axb5]
34.Nf2 b4? 3.99/26
[34...Qf6 1.71/22 might work better. 35.Rfe1 Bc6]
35.Rfe1 Rcd8? 7.22/25
[35...Qf6 3.75/26 36.Qd2 Bc6]
36.Qe6+ White is clearly winning.
36...Qf7 37.Qb6 Rc8 38.Re6
Against Rc6 **38...Kg7 39.Rde1 Rd7**

(Diagram)



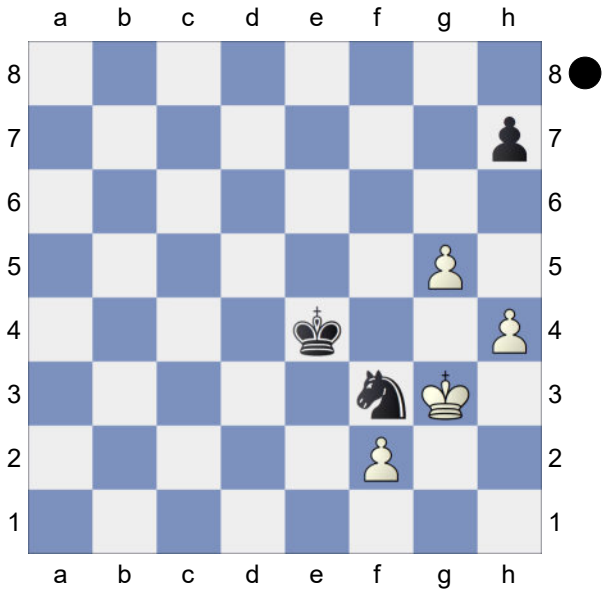
40.d4! cxd4
[40...Kh7 41.Nd3]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=1.19
41.Nd3
1-0

C70

□ **Powerfulstorm** **2864**
■ **gmmitkov** **2685**
Blitz 21.06.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Bxf7+ Decoy **6...Kxf7 7.Nxe5+ Ke7 8.0-0** -0.47/22
[8.d4= 0.01/21]
[8.Qf3 Nf6 9.Nc3 Qe8 10.d4 Bb7 11.Bf4 Kd8 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Ng4 Nxg4 14.Qxg4 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.f3 Nc4 17.b3 g5 18.Bg3 Nd6 19.Rhe1 b4 20.Na4 Bc6 21.Nc5 Nb5 22.d5 Bxc5 ½-½ (49) Miles,E (2690)-Chen,Y (2600) Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/22 2021 (15)]
8...Qe8 0.34/23
[8...d6∓ -0.47/22 9.Nd3 Nf6]
9.d4± White has compensation.
9...Bb7N 0.70/25
[9...Nf6= 0.22/23]
[9...Kd8 10.b4 *(10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 d6 13.Bd2* C 70/04 1997 *)* 10...Bxb4 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Nd3 Be7 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.e5 Rf8 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Re1 Qf7 17.c3 Rb8 18.Bf4 Bb7 19.Qg3 d6 20.Nd2 Ne7 21.Ne4 h6 22.Nec5 Bc8 23.Nb4 Rb6 24.Nb3 0-1 (34) Batsanin,D (2370)-Yakovich,Y (2570) RUS-Cup08 Omsk/Perm 1998 (8) g5 25.Be3 Bb7 26.Na5 Ba8 27.d5 Bxc3 28.Bxb6 Bxb4 29.Re6 Nxd5 30.Rxd6+ Bxd6 31.Qxd6+ Kc8 32.Rc1 Rd8 33.Qxh6 Nxb6 34.Qxg5 Rg8 0-1 6.♗c4 ♘d7_52367-F22) WT/M/GT/186 corr ICCF 1985]
10.Re1 0.10/24 White is more active.
[White should try 10.Qd2!± 0.70/25 d6 11.Qxa5]
10...Nf6 0.53/24
[10...Kd8= 0.10/24]
11.a4 0.12/22
[11.Bd2± 0.53/24 Nc4 12.Nxc4 bxc4 13.Nc3 *(13.e5 Nd5∓)*]
11...b4 12.c3 Kd8
[12...Nxe4? 13.d5 *(13.cxb4 Kd8+-)* 13...Kd8 14.Rxe4+-]
13.Nd3 bxc3 0.85/24
[13...Nxe4?! 14.cxb4 Qg6 15.f3± *(15.bxa5 Nxf2* Decoy *16.Kxf2 Qxg2+ 17.Ke3 Qg5+ 18.Ke2 Qg2+ 19.Ke3 Qg5+ 20.Nf4 Bd6=; 15.Nf4 Qf5±)*]
[13...Qg6± 0.49/23 feels stronger.]
14.Nxc3± Kc8 1.48/23
[⌓14...Qh5 0.94/24]
15.b4 Nc4 3.08/22

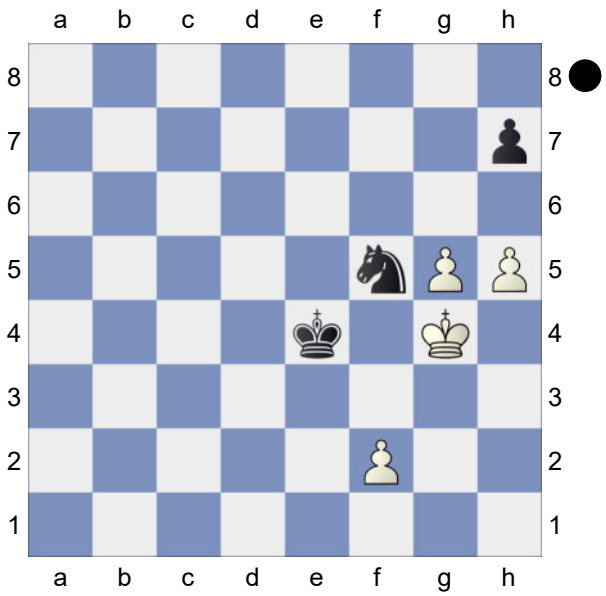
[15...Nc6± 1.38/24]
16.Bf4? 0.84/23
[16.Qc2+- 3.08/22 is more deadly.]
16...Qg6 1.74/24
[16...Nh5± 0.84/23]
17.Bg3? 0.01/26
[17.d5+- 1.74/24]
17...d5? 2.92/24
[17...Nxe4= 0.01/26 18.Nf4 Qf5 19.Nxe4 Bxe4]
18.exd5 aiming for Rc1. **18...Nxd5** 3.35/27
[⌓18...Qf5 2.01/23]
19.Nxd5+- Bxd5 20.Nf4! Qf7 21.Rc1? 0.00/21
[21.Nxd5+- 3.20/21 Qxd5 22.Qc2]
21...Bd6 4.24/26
[21...Bxb4= 0.00/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 22.Qg4+ Kb7 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Qxg7 a5]
22.Nxd5 Qxd5 23.Bxd6? 0.15/19
[23.Qc2+- 4.16/22]
23...Nxd6= 24.Re7 -0.29/20
[⌓24.Qg4+ 0.22/24 Kb8 25.Qxg7]
24...Ra7 25.Rxg7 -0.43/21
[25.Qc2!= -0.01/21]
25...Kb8 26.h3 Rg8 -0.01/21
[26...Qe4∓ -0.56/19]
27.Rxg8+ -1.02/22
[27.Qf3!= -0.01/21 Qa2 28.Rxh7]
27...Qxg8∓ 28.d5 Rb7 29.Qd4 Prevents Rxb4 **29...Qe8 30.b5** -2.43/25
[30.Qg7∓ -1.41/20 keeps fighting.]
30...axb5-+ 31.axb5 Qxb5? -0.01/21
[31...Rxb5-+ -2.45/22 32.Qg7 Qf7 *(32...Rxd5 33.Qxc7+ Ka8 34.Ra1+)* 33.Qh8+ Kb7]
32.Qh8+= Nc8 33.d6 Qd7 34.dxc7+ Rxc7 35.Rb1+ Rb7 36.Qe5+ Qc7 37.Rxb7+
[37.Qxc7+ simplifies Kxc7 38.Re1 Kd7 39.g3]
37...Kxb7 38.Qe4+ Kb8 39.g4 Nd6 40.Qe5 Nc4 41.Qh8+ Kb7 42.Qd4 Ne5 (-> ...Nf3+) **43.Qd5+ Kb6 44.Qe6+ Kc5 45.Qf5 Kd4 46.Qf4+ Kd5 47.Kg2 Qc6 48.Kg3 Qc3+ 49.Kg2 Qd3 50.h4 Qe4+ 51.Qxe4+??** -14.15/26
[51.Kg3∓ -0.47/23]
51...Kxe4∓ Endgame KN-K3P **52.Kg3 Nf3 53.g5**



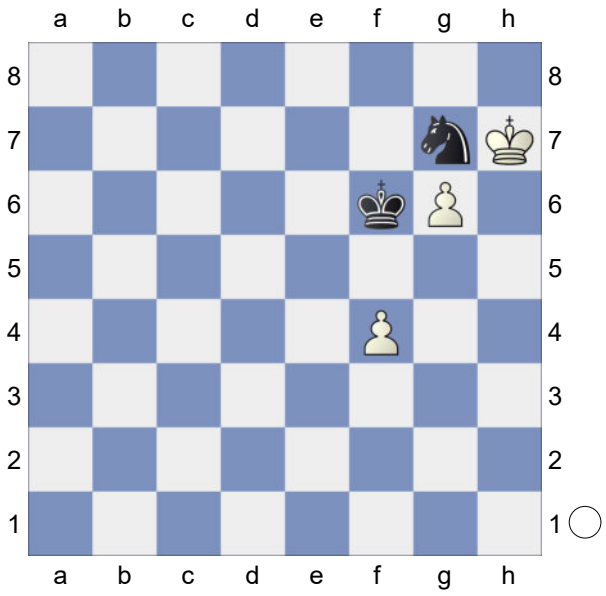
Nd4? -0.62/34
[53...Ne5!-+ -14.28/35 ...Kf5 is the strong threat. 54.h5 Nc6]
54.Kg4 Nf5 55.h5? -14.50/40
[55.f3+∓ -0.37/33 Ke5 56.f4+ Ke6 *(56...Ke4 57.Kh5=)* 57.Kh5]

(Diagram)

55...Ke5? -0.01/34
[Black should play 55...Ne7!-+ -14.50/40 56.f3+ Ke5 57.f4+ Ke4]
56.f3? -14.39/36
[56.h6= -0.01/34]
56...Ke6? 0.01/34
[56...Ne7-+ -14.39/36 57.f4+ Ke4]
57.Kf4 The position is equal. **57...Ne7 58.Ke4 Nf5 59.Kf4** Dodges Ng3



59...Nd6 60.Kg4 Ke5 61.g6 hxg6 62.hxg6= KN-KPP **62...Kf6 63.Kh5 Nf5 64.f4 Ng7+ 65.Kh6 Nf5+ 66.Kh7 Ng7**

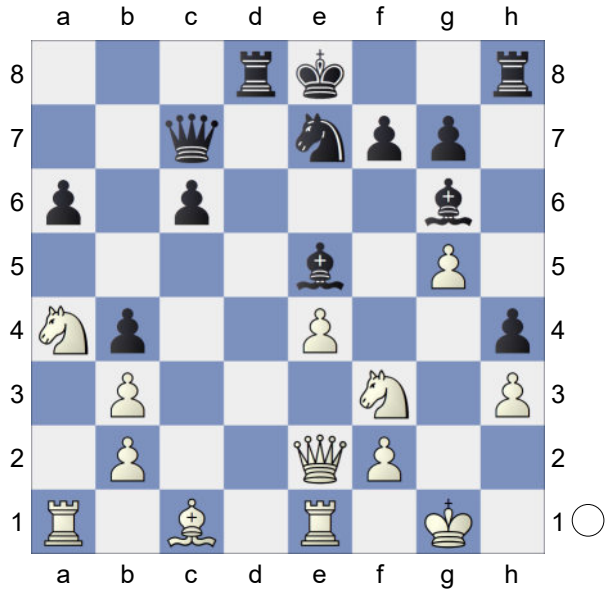


67.f5! Nxf5 68.g7 A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.72
68...Nxg7
½-½

C70
□ **Kastorcito** **2862**
■ **Smoking_Samra** **2623**
Blitz 03.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d3 -0.16/19
[7.d4± 0.32/21 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
7...Nxb3N
[7...Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 22.Nd5 ½-½ (47) Paul,J (2312)-Mikhalevski,V (2519) Philadelphia op 16th 2023 (2) Qg6 23.Qf3 c3 24.b3 Bd2 25.Qd3 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 Rb8 27.Rxa6 Rxb4 28.Rxd6 Qxe4 29.Rd7 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Rd4 31.Rxe5 Ra8 32.Nh2 Ra2 33.Nf3 Rd8 34.Ne1 Rda8 35.f3 R8a6 36.Re8+ Kh7 37.Kf1 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22. DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
8.axb3 Be7 9.c4 Bg4 The position is equal. **10.h3 Bh5 11.Nc3** 0.05/20
[11.d4!± 0.50/21 is more appropriate.]
11...c6 0.77/23
[11...Nf6= 0.05/20]

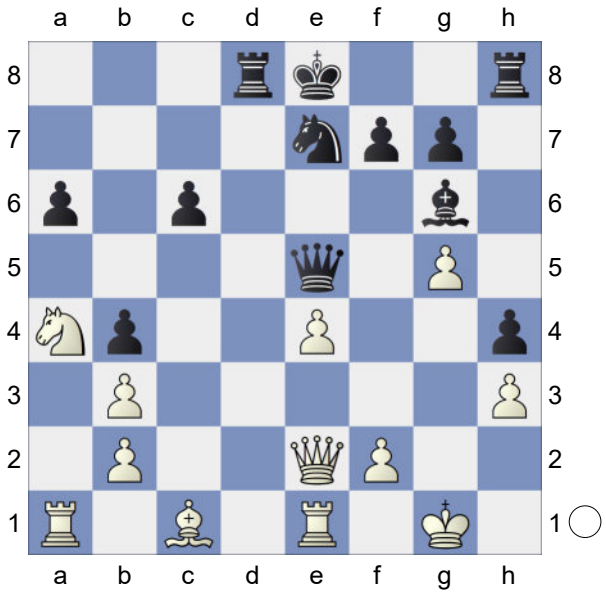
12.g4 Bg6 13.Re1 0.12/21
[Better is 13.d4!± 0.70/22]
13...h5 0.91/21
[13...b4= 0.12/21 keeps the balance. 14.Ne2 h5]
14.g5± h4 1.15/20
[⌓14...b4 0.71/23]
15.d4 b4 16.Na4 Qc7 17.c5 Rd8 1.72/21
[17...Bh5± 1.16/22]
18.cxd6+- Bxd6 19.dxe5 Bxe5
20.Qe2 -0.01/21
[20.Qc2+- 1.69/25]
20...Ne7? 2.05/23
[20...Bh5!= -0.01/21 and Black stays safe.]



21.Nxe5!
[21.Qxa6?! 0-0±]
21...Qxe5

(Diagram)

22.f4! Qd4+ 3.96/21
[22...Qd6 2.01/20 23.Qf2 0-0]
23.Be3 Qxe4 24.Bc5
[24.Qxa6 0-0 25.Qf1 Nd5∓]
24...Rd4? 9.22/21



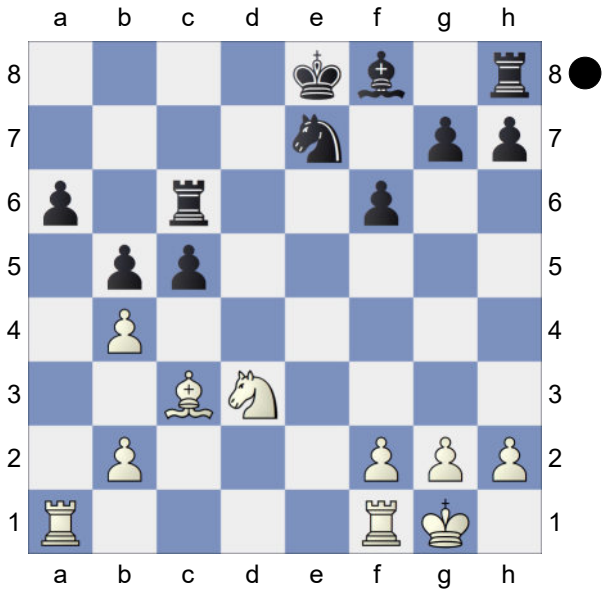
[24...Qxe2 3.52/20 25.Rxe2 0-0]
25.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 26.Kh1? 2.44/27
[26.Qf2 6.13/25 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2]
26...Qd7 27.Kh2
[27.Qxa6? Qxh3+ 28.Kg1 Qg3+ *(28...Qxb3 29.Qc8#)* 29.Kh1 0-0-+ *(29...Qxf4 30.Qc8#)*]
27...0-0? 6.47/22
[27...Bh5 2.20/23 28.Nc5 *(28.Qxa6 Qd2+ 29.Kg1 Qd4+ 30.Kg2 0-0∓)* 28...Qd6]
28.Rad1? 1.98/22
[28.Qxe7 6.47/22 Qd2+ 29.Kg1 Qxf4 30.Qe3 Qxe3+ 31.Rxe3]
28...Qc7 2.64/22
[28...Nd5 1.98/22 was called for.]
29.Qxe7? -0.01/20
[29.Qe5!+- 2.64/22 Qxe5 30.Rxe5]
29...Qxf4+= 30.Kg1 Qg3+ 31.Kf1 Qf3+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+ 33.Kf1 Qxf8+! would now be deadly. **33...Qxh3+**
34.Ke2? -5.37/23
[34.Kg1= -0.01/22 and White stays safe. Qg3+ 35.Kh1]
34...Bh5+-+
[And not 34...Qxb3 35.Qxf8+ *(35.Rd8 Kh7=)* 35...Kxf8 36.Rd8+ Ke7 37.Rd7+ Kf8 *(37...Kxd7?*

too greedy. *38.Nc5+ Kd6 39.Nxb3+-)* 38.Rd8+ Ke7 39.Rd7+ Kf8 40.Rd8+=]
35.Kd2 Bxd1 -2.59/21
[⌓35...Qxb3 -4.88/24 36.Ra1 Bg6]
36.Rxd1 Qxb3 37.Ra1 -7.86/20
[37.Nc5 -1.95/20 Qxb2+ 38.Ke3]
37...h3 38.Qe5 Rd8+ 39.Ke2 Qc2+ 40.Ke3 Rd3+ 41.Kf4 Qf2+ -10.16/5
[⌓41...Qh2+ -#5/12 42.Kg4 Qxe5 43.Rg1 Qd4+ *(43...h2?* gets mated. *44.Rg2 Qe4+ 45.Kh5 Rh3#)* 44.Kh5 g6+ 45.Kh6 Qh8#]
42.Kg4 Qf3+ 43.Kh4 Re3 -22.77/27
[⌓43...g6 -#5/12 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.Qxf7+ Qxf7 46.Rg1 Qf2+ 47.Kg4 Qd4#]
44.Rf1 Qxf1 45.Qxe3 h2 46.g6 h1Q+ Black mates. **47.Kg3 Qhg2+ 48.Kh4** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.45/ Black=0.93
48...Qfh1+
0-1

C70
□ **wounded_thirteenth** **2856**
■ **Boris_Markoja** **2729**
Blitz 01.06.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Bd2N
[8.Nxd4
A) 8...Bb7 9.c4 *(9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7* ½-½ (24) Nayhebaver,M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10)*; 9.a4 c5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Nf5 g6 12.Nh6 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.Re1 Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Ng4 18.Bg7 Rg8 19.Bc3 b4 20.h3 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.c3* Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (1) *)* 9...c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 ½-½ Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/ (114) 2019;
B) 8...Ne7 9.Bg5 Bb7 10.Nc3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Bg7 13.f4 c5 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.fxg5+ Kg8 16.Ne6 Bd4+ 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Qxd4 hxg5 19.Qf6 Rh7 20.Rad1 Qf8 21.Qxd6 Qc8 22.Qf6 Nac6 1-0 (33) Ellithorpe,G (2731)-Mesut,T (2517) WT/M/586 corr ICCF 1992]
[8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 10.c3 Be7 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Nh4 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Bf4 cxd4 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 21.h4 Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 (24) Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 2]
8...Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 The position is equal. **10.Ba5 Qd7 11.c3 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Bb7** 1.63/22
[12...Nf6= 0.00/21]
13.Nd5 0.97/21
[13.Re1!+- 1.63/22]
13...Bxd5± 14.Qxd5 Rc8 15.e5 Ne7

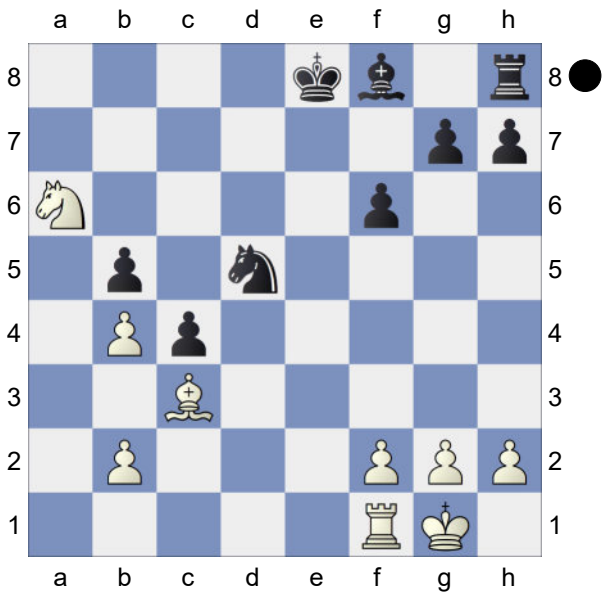
16.Qd3 -0.01/19
[Better is 16.Qxd6± 0.77/23 Nc6 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7 18.Rfd1+ Ke8 19.Ng5]
16...dxe5= 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7 18.Nxe5+ Ke8! 19.Bc3 -0.82/23
[19.Nd3= -0.03/22 remains equal.]
19...f6∓ 20.Nd3 Rc6 21.b4



c4 22.Nc5 -1.28/22
[⌓22.Nf4 -0.80/22]
22...Nd5 23.Rxa6 -2.48/23
[23.Nxa6∓ -1.08/22 keeps fighting. Kf7 24.Rfd1 Nxc3 25.bxc3]
23...Rxa6-+ 24.Nxa6

(Diagram)

Rd1 is the strong threat. **24...Kd7?** -0.46/22
[24...Nxc3!-+ -2.11/27 25.bxc3 Bd6]
25.Rd1∓ Kc6 26.Nb8+ Kd6 27.Nd7! Decoy **27...Kc6** 0.01/22 Prevents Nb6.
[27...Ke6∓ -0.63/25 28.Nxf8+ Rxf8]
28.Nb8+ Kd6 29.Bd4? -4.58/23
[29.Nd7!= 0.01/21 Kc6 30.Nb8+]
29...Ke6? -0.56/24
[29...Nxb4? 30.Be3+ Kc7 31.Bf4+ Kc8 32.Bg3-+]

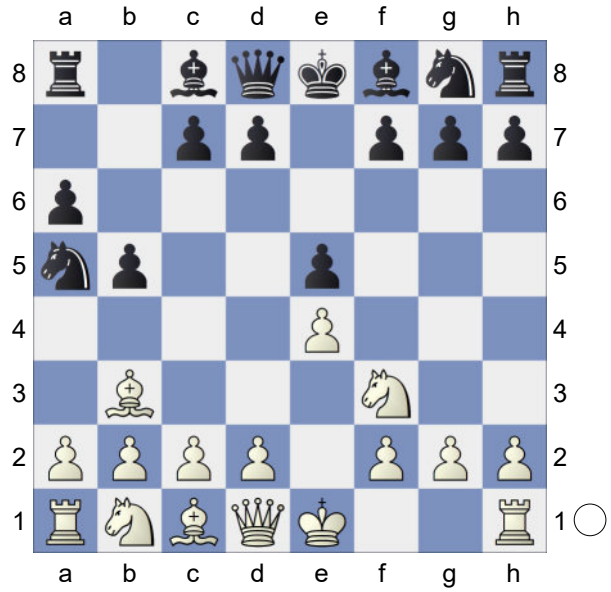


[29...Kc7-+ -4.58/23 30.Ba7 Nxb4 31.Rd7+ Kc8]
30.Re1+ -1.89/23
[30.Nc6!∓ -0.56/24]
30...Kf7-+ 31.Nc6 Nxb4? -0.16/22
[Black should try 31...Bxb4-+ -1.67/22 32.Rd1 Ra8]
32.Nd8+= Kg6 33.Re3? -4.63/21
[33.Re8= -0.23/20 and White has nothing to worry.]
33...Bd6-+ 34.Nb7 Bb8 White must now prevent ...Nc2.
[34...Ra8 35.g3 Bf8 36.Bc5-+]
35.Bc5 Nd3 Black is clearly winning.
36.b3 Nxc5 37.Nxc5 Rc8 38.Ne4 cxb3 (-> ...Rc1+) **39.Nd2 Rc1+ 40.Nf1** Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=0.44
40...b2
0-1

C70

□ **Kelevra317** **2850**
■ **RSUPE_MiRacLe** **2636**
Blitz 15.01.2020
[Kitty Kat]

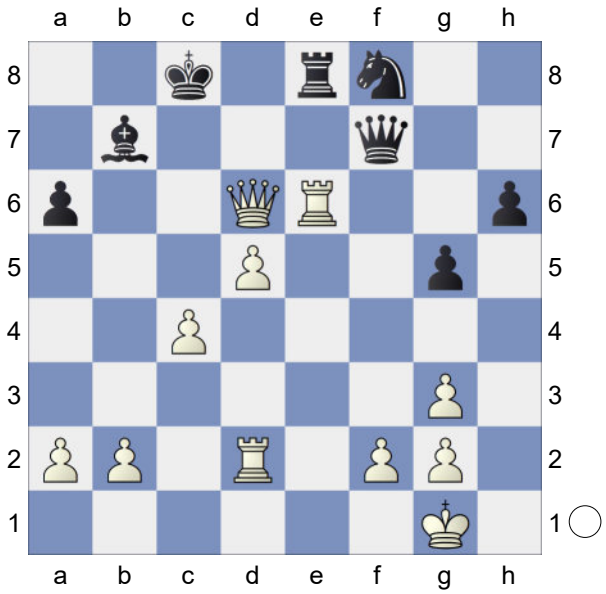
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Gipslis,A: 'Inf 30/263' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5**



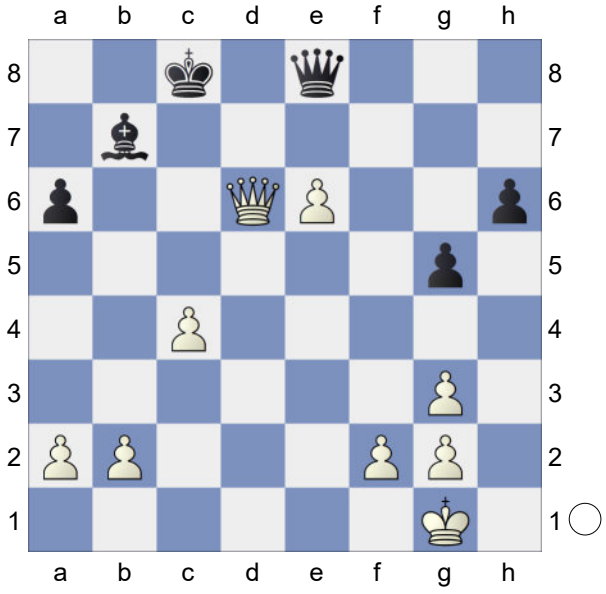
6.Bxf7+ 0.02/20 **Kxf7= 7.Nxe5+ Ke7 8.0-0**
[8.Qf3 Nf6 9.Nc3 Qe8 10.d4 Bb7 11.Bf4 Kd8 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Ng4 Nxg4 14.Qxg4 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.f3 Nc4 17.b3 g5 18.Bg3 Nd6 19.Rhe1 b4 20.Na4 Bc6 21.Nc5 Nb5 22.d5 Bxc5 ½-½ (49) Miles,E (2690)-Chen,Y (2600) Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/22 2021 (15)]
[8.Nc3 Qe8 9.Nd5+ Kd8 10.Qf3 Bb7 11.Nf7+ Kc8 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Nxh8 Nxe4 14.d3 Bxd5 15.dxe4 Be6 C 70/04 1997]
8...Nf6 Black has an edge. **9.d4**
Black should prevent Nd3. **9...Qe8**
[9...Nxe4? 10.Re1 Bb7 11.Rxe4 Bxe4 12.Bg5+ Ke6 13.Bxd8 Rxd8 14.Nc3+-]
10.Bg5N -0.41/20
[10.a4= 0.01/19 b4 11.Nd3]
[10.Nc3 Kd8 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Bg5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Be7 14.Re1 Rb8 15.a4 b4 16.c4 h6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 d6 19.Nd3 Nxc4 20.Rc1 Na5 21.Nc5 dxc5 22.d6 cxd6 23.dxc5 d5 24.Bxb8 Qc6 1-0 (37) 5.♕d2 b5 6.h4-Why The Lucchini Gambit Does USSR 52/505 1991 25.Bd6 Bxd6 26.cxd6 Qxd6 27.Qc2 Qd7 28.Qc5 Nc4 29.b3 Ne4 30.Qd4 Rh7 31.bxc4 Nc3 32.Qb6+ Qc7 33.Qxb4 d4 34.Qf8+ Kd7 35.Qe8+ Kd6 36.Qe5+ Kc6 37.Qxd4 1-0 5.♕d2 b5 6.h4-Why The Lucchini Gambit Does USSR 52/505 1991]
10...Kd8∓ 11.Nc3 -1.09/18
[11.f3∓ -0.40/18]
11...Bb7!∓ 12.Qf3 -1.44/20
[⌓12.Re1 -0.78/19]
12...Be7 -1.03/17
[⌓12...Kc8 -1.44/20 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qxf6 Bb4]
13.Rad1 -1.46/18
[⌓13.Rae1 -1.03/17]
13...h6 -1.06/18
[⌓13...b4 -1.46/18 14.Ne2 Nxe4 *(14...Bxe4 15.Qf4-+)* 15.Bxe7+ *(15.Nf7+? Kc8∓)* 15...Qxe7 *(15...Kxe7 16.d5±)* 16.Nf7+ Kc8 17.Nxh8 Nc3 Double Attack]
14.Bh4 -2.21/19
[14.Bxf6∓ -1.06/18 Bxf6 15.b4 Bxe5 16.dxe5]
14...g5 -1.24/20
[14...b4-+ -2.21/19 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxe7+ Nxe7 17.Nf7+ Kc8 18.Nxh8 Qxh8]
15.Bg3 Rf8! 16.Qe2 b4 -1.00/21
[16...Kc8-+ -1.76/19 17.f3 Nh5]

17.Na4? -3.29/20
[17.Nd5∓ -1.00/21]
17...Nxe4 18.Nc5 -3.16/23
[18.Rfe1 -1.99/20]
18...Nxg3
[18...Nxc5 19.dxc5 d5 *(19...Bxc5 20.Rxd7+ Kc8 21.Rg7=)* 20.Qe4=]
19.hxg3 -4.09/23
[19.Nxb7+ -2.63/22 Kc8 20.hxg3 Kxb7 *(20...Nxb7? 21.Qe4-+)* 21.Rfe1]
19...d6? 0.01/24
[19...Bxc5-+ -4.09/23 20.dxc5 Nc6]
20.Ne6+= A dynamic duo of knights.
20...Kc8 21.Nxf8 dxe5
[21...Bxf8!? 22.Qg4+□ Kb8 23.Nd7+ Ka7±]
22.Qg4+ Kb8⇄ Black has counterplay
23.Nd7+ Ka7 24.Nxe5 -1.46/23
White is more active.
[24.dxe5± 0.61/21 Rd8 25.e6]
24...Nc6 0.00/22
[24...Qb5∓ -1.46/23 aiming for ...Nc4. 25.f3 Bd6]
25.Rfe1? -1.90/21
[25.Nc4!= 0.00/22]
25...Bd6?? 2.51/23
[25...Nxe5-+ -1.90/21 26.Rxe5 Qc6]
26.Nc4+- Qf7 5.36/24
[26...Qc8 2.86/22 27.Qe2 Nd8 28.Nxd6 cxd6]
27.d5 Ne7 7.99/24
[⌓27...Bc5 4.27/23 28.dxc6 Bxf2+ 29.Kh1 Bc8]
28.Qd4+ Kb8 29.Nxd6 cxd6 30.Qxb4 Kc7 31.Qa5+ Kd7 32.Qa4+ Kc7
33.Qa5+? -0.01/21
[Better is 33.Rd3+- 6.77/22]
33...Kd7!= 34.c4 Rf8 35.Rd2 Ng6 36.Qb6 Kc8 37.Qxd6 Re8 38.Re6 Nf8 39.Re5 Nd7 40.Re6? -0.01/20
[40.Rxe8++- 8.76/21 Qxe8 41.Qe6 *(41.Qxh6? Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qxd2-+)*]

40...Nf8!



41.Rde2 1.26/24 **Nxe6± 42.Rxe6**
[42.dxe6?! Qc7 43.Qxc7+ Kxc7=]
42...Rxe6 43.dxe6 Qe8



44.f3!
[44.e7?! Qd7±]
44...Qc6? 17.74/25 Inhibits b4.
[44...a5 2.08/21 45.e7 Qd7]
45.Qf8++- Kc7 46.Qxh6? 0.77/23
[46.e7+- 16.61/25 and the rest is easy. Qb6+ 47.c5 Promotion Qxc5+ 48.Kh2]
46...Qc5+ 1.56/21

[⌓46...Qxc4 0.77/23 47.Qg7+ *(47.Qxg5 Qxe6 48.Qa5+ Kc8±)* 47...Kb6]
47.Kh2± Bc6? 2.91/23
[47...Qe5± 1.39/21 might work better. 48.Qh7+ Kb6]
48.Qg7++- Kb6 49.b3 g4? 6.13/21
[49...Qe3 3.01/21 50.Qg8 Qe5]
50.Qxg4 Qe5 51.Qh3 And now Qh6 would win. **51...Qh8?** #11/24
[51...Kc5+- 3.14/21 52.Qh6 Kb4 53.Qf8+ Kc3]
Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.27/ Black=1.31
52.Qxh8
1-0

C70

□ **WarriorTiger** **2847**
■ **Magicmaster17** **2817**
Blitz 26.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

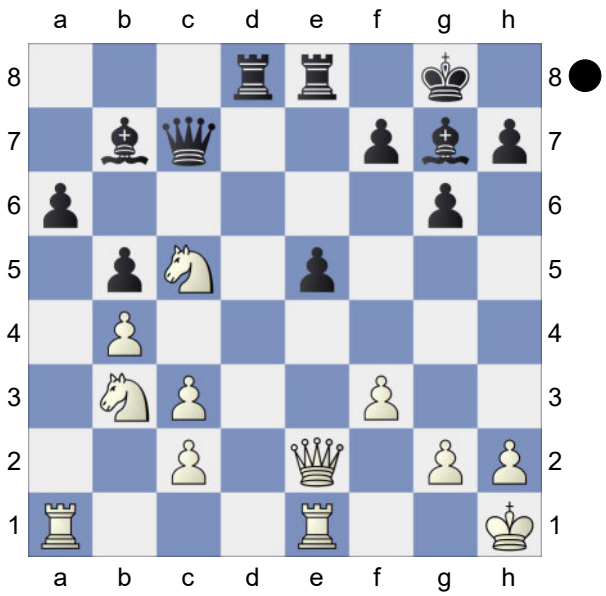
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 -0.01/24
[10.Nxb3± 0.36/25 is superior. Rb8 *(10...Nf6 11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Re3 Rb5* ½-½ Nayhebaver,M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10) *)* 11.Re1]
10...g6N
[10...c5 11.Nf5 g6 12.Ba5 Qd7 13.Ne3 Nf6 14.Nc3 Bg7 15.Ned5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 0-0 –-– Hammerstad,A (2168)-7. ♗h4 b6 (2530) Tripolis 2004 (4)]
[10...Nf6 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nf5 0-0 13.Qf3 Nd7 14.Qg3 g6 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Nc3 Qe6 17.f3 f5 18.Rad1 Nf6 19.Qh3 Nd7 20.Qh4 Rf7 21.Bg5 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Qf5 23.Bd2 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 ½-½ (68) Nayhebaver,M (2517)-Blahynka,M (2369) CZE-chT 2223 2022 (6.3)]
11.Bc3 and Nc6! would now be decisive
11...Nf6! The position is equal. **12.Re1 Bg7** ...0-0! is in the air **13.Nd2 0-0 14.b4! Re8 15.f3** -1.20/27
[15.N4b3!∓ -0.35/24]
15...c5∓ 16.N4b3 Rc8 -0.56/23
[16...cxb4∓ -1.02/26 17.Bxb4 d5]
17.Kh1 -0.92/24
[17.bxc5∓ -0.56/23 dxc5 18.Nf1]
17...Qc7 18.e5? -2.98/26 **dxe5?** -0.71/26
[18...cxb4-+ -2.98/26 is more deadly. 19.Bxb4 dxe5 *(19...Rxe5? 20.Bc3-+)*]
19.Nxc5 Nd5 20.Ndb3? -4.17/24
[White should play 20.Nxb7∓ -0.65/24 Qxb7 *(20...Nxc3 21.bxc3 Qxb7 22.Ne4∓)* 21.Ne4 Nxc3 22.bxc3]
20...Rcd8? -0.38/22
[20...Nxc3-+ -4.17/24 21.bxc3 e4]
21.Qe2 -2.07/23
[21.Bd2∓ -0.38/22]
21...Nxc3-+ 22.bxc3

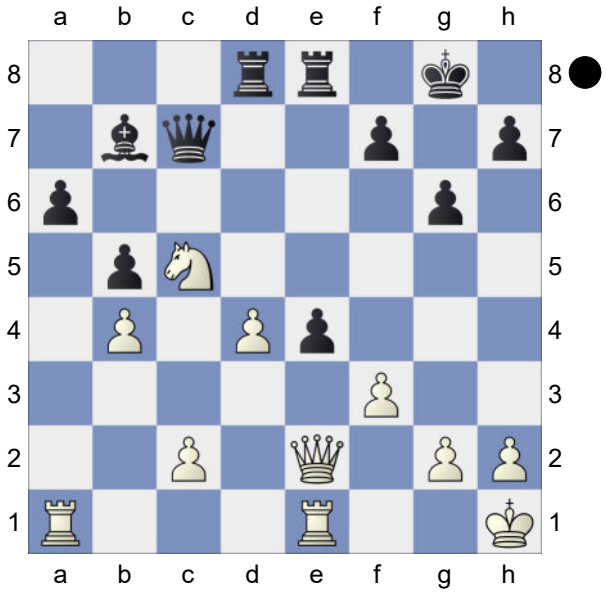
(Diagram)

e4! 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4

(Diagram)

exf3!





[24...Rxd4 25.c3 Rc4 26.fxe4∓]

25.Qf2 -4.81/25

[25.Qxe8+ -2.35/25 Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Kg7 27.Nxb7 fxg2+ *(27...Qxb7? 28.Re3-+)* 28.Kg1 Qxb7 29.Rd1]

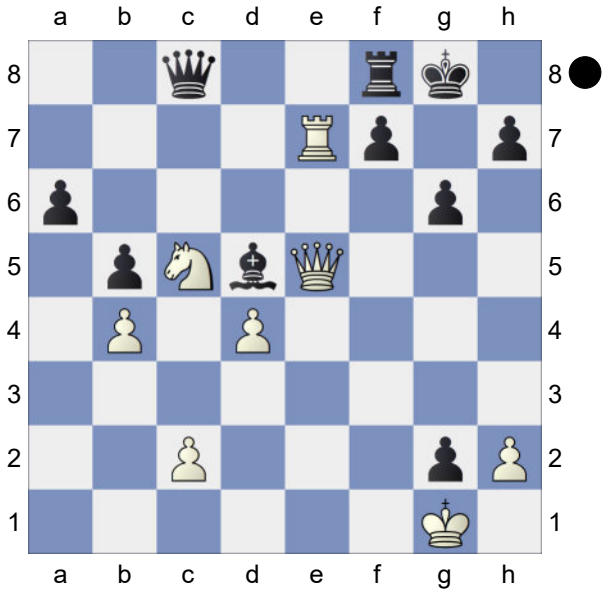
25...Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 fxg2+ 27.Kg1 Bd5 28.Qf6 Rf8? -0.01/22

[Black should play 28...Qb8-+ -3.88/22 ...Re8 is the strong threat. 29.Re7 Qc8]

29.Re7!= Really sharp! **29...Qc8**

30.Qe5? -2.07/27

[30.Nd7= -0.01/27 and White has nothing to worry.]



30...Qg4?? 2.80/23 **31.Qxd5→** White has strong attack. Active counter play! **31...Qd1+ 32.Kxg2 Qxc2+ 33.Kf3 Qd1+** 3.48/24

[⌓33...Qxh2 2.06/22 34.Qe4 *(34.Nxa6?* too greedy. *Qh1+* Skewer *35.Ke3 Qxd5-+)* 34...Qh5+ 35.Ke3 Qh3+ 36.Kd2 Qh2+ 37.Kd3 Qg3+ 38.Qe3 Qg2]

34.Kf2 Qd2+ 35.Re2 Qxb4 9.31/24

[35...Qf4+ 2.73/23 36.Kg2 Qg4+ 37.Kf1 Qh3+ 38.Ke1 Qh4+ 39.Kf1 Rd8]

36.Nd7

[Weaker is 36.Nxa6 Qc3±]

36...Rc8 37.Nf6+ Kg7 38.Qe5 White wants to mate with Ng4+. **38...Kf8**

39.Nxh7+ 9.27/5

[⌓39.Ne8 #6/18 Qe1+ Decoy 40.Kxe1 *(40.Rxe1 Rc2+ 41.Kg1 Re2 42.Rxe2 f6 43.Qxf6+ Kg8 44.Qg7#)* 40...Rc1+ 41.Kd2 Rd1+ 42.Kxd1 f6 43.Qxf6+ Kg8 44.Qg7#]

39...Kg8 40.Nf6+ Kf8

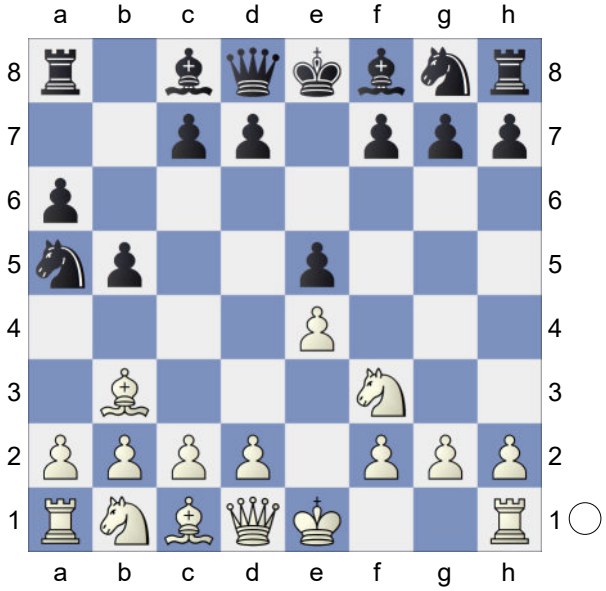
Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=1.00

41.Nd5
1-0

C70

□ **chessplay8** **2844**
■ **ForNairobi** **2711**
Blitz 15.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

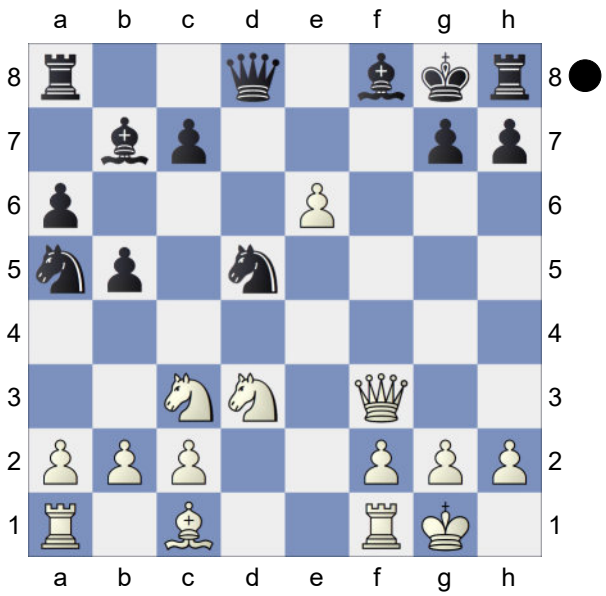
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5



6.Bxf7+ 0.03/21 **Kxf7= 7.Nxe5+ Ke7 8.d4 d6** The position is equal. **9.Nd3** Hoping for Bg5+. **9...Kf7 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nc3 Nf6! 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5** Loses the game. **14.e6+N** -1.85/20
[14.Ne4 Be7 15.Qh5+ Kg8 16.Ndc5 Bc6 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (1)]
14...Kg8!-+ 15.Qf3 -2.42/20
[15.Ne4∓ -1.47/20 was called for.]

(Diagram)

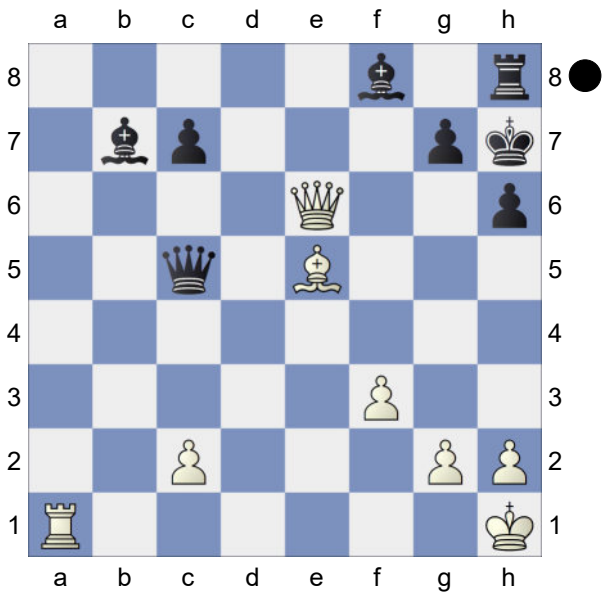
15...Qf6! 16.Qh3



[16.Qxf6 Nxf6]
16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bd6 18.Re1 Re8
[18...Qxc3? is the wrong capture. 19.e7 Kf7 20.Qd7+-]
19.a4 Nc4
[Worse is 19...Qxc3 20.Bb2 Qxc2 21.axb5±]
20.axb5 axb5 21.Qh5 Rxe6 22.Rxe6 Qxe6 23.Qxb5 Qd5 24.Qe8+ Bf8 25.f3 h6 26.Qg6 Qd6 Inhibits Bf4. **27.Qg4 Ne5 28.Nxe5 Qxe5 29.Bf4 Qxc3** and ...Bc5+ should not be overlooked **30.Qe6+** -5.22/5
[⌓30.Rd1 -3.63/24 Qc5+ *(30...Qxc2? 31.Rc1-+)* 31.Kh1]
30...Kh7 Black is clearly winning. **31.Be5** -31.25/30
[⌓31.Qf5+ -5.10/25 g6 32.Qd7+ Bg7 33.Rd1]
31...Qc5+ -7.87/23
[⌓31...Bc5+ -31.25/30 32.Kf1 Qxc2]
32.Kh1

(Diagram)

Bc8! Deflection **33.Qxc8 Qxe5 34.Rd1 Bd6 35.Qh3 Re8** (-> ...Qe1+!) **36.g3 Qe2 37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qd3 Qxd3**

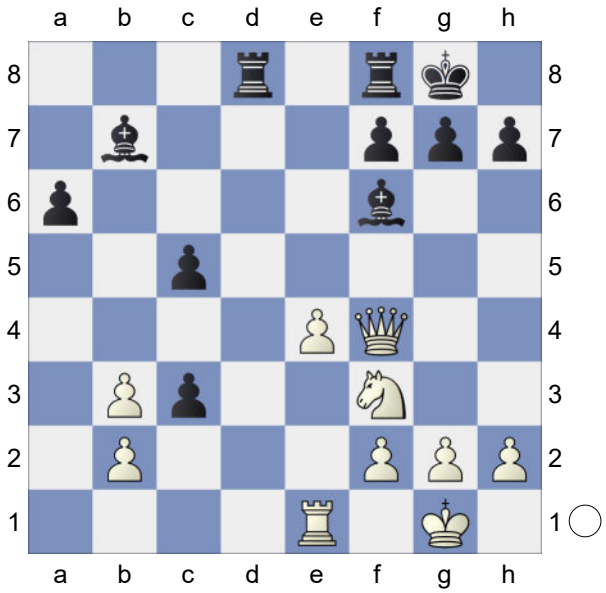


39.cxd3 Endgame KRB-KR **39...Re2 40.f4 Kg8 41.Kg1 Kf7 42.Rb1 Ke6 43.Rb3 Kd5 44.Rb8 Kd4 45.Rg8 Re7 46.Kf2 Kxd3 47.Kf3 Rd7 48.g4 c5 49.h4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.30
49...c4
0-1

C70

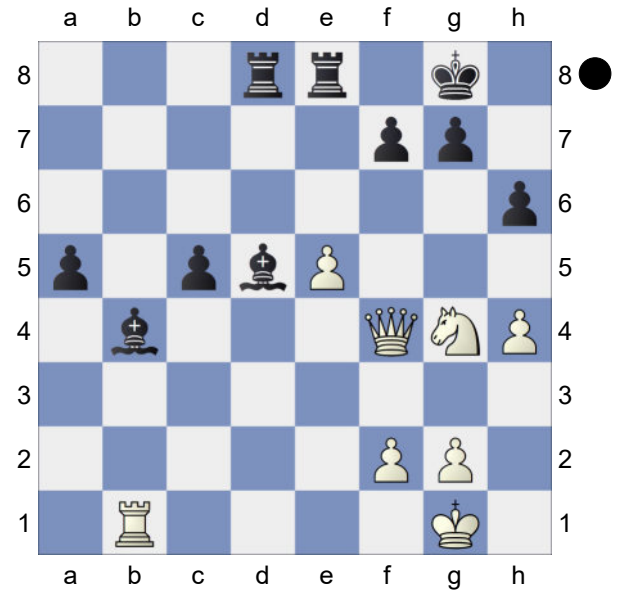
□ **IntoAttack** **2843**
■ **ForNairobi** **2672**
Blitz 25.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 White is slightly better. **10.c3 dxc3** 1.26/19
[10...Bb7± 0.51/22]
11.Nxc3± aiming for b4!. **11...Bb7N** 1.53/20
[⌓11...Nf6 1.17/20 12.Bf4]
12.Bg5? -0.01/18
[12.b4± 1.53/20]
12...Be7= 13.Qd2 Nf6 14.Rad1 0-0 15.Qf4 b4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Rxd6 -0.78/22
[17.Na4= -0.20/23 remains equal.]
17...bxc3?? 3.45/20
[17...Qb8∓ -0.78/22 stays on course. 18.Na4 Be7]
18.Rxd8+- Raxd8

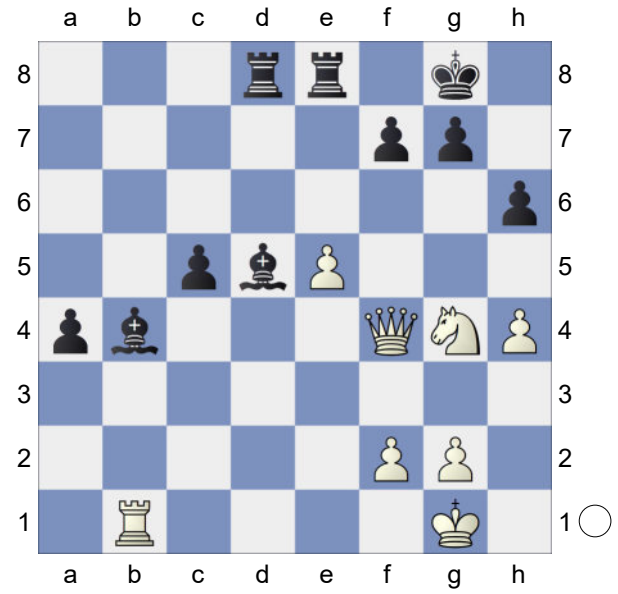


19.bxc3 0.92/21
[19.e5!+- 3.49/22 Bxf3 20.exf6 *(20.Qxf3 Bxe5 21.bxc3 Bd6±)*]
19...Bxc3± 20.Rc1 Bb4 21.h4 h6 22.Rc4 0.56/22
[22.Rc2± 1.18/22]
22...Rfe8 1.79/22
[22...Bc8± 0.56/22]
23.e5? 0.01/25
[23.Ne5+- 1.79/22 Rf8 24.Kh2]
23...Bd5 0.39/25
[23...Rd1+= 0.01/25 deserves consideration. 24.Kh2 Bd5]
24.Rc1 Bxb3 A strong pair of Bishops.
25.Rb1 -0.35/24 White is weak on the light squares
[25.g4= 0.17/23]
25...Bd5∓ 26.Nh2? -2.64/23
[Better is 26.g4∓ -0.35/23]

26...a5 27.Ng4



a4? 0.01/30
[Black should try 27...c4!-+ -2.02/22 and ...c3 would now be decisive 28.Ne3 Bd2 *(28...c3 29.Nc2∓)*]



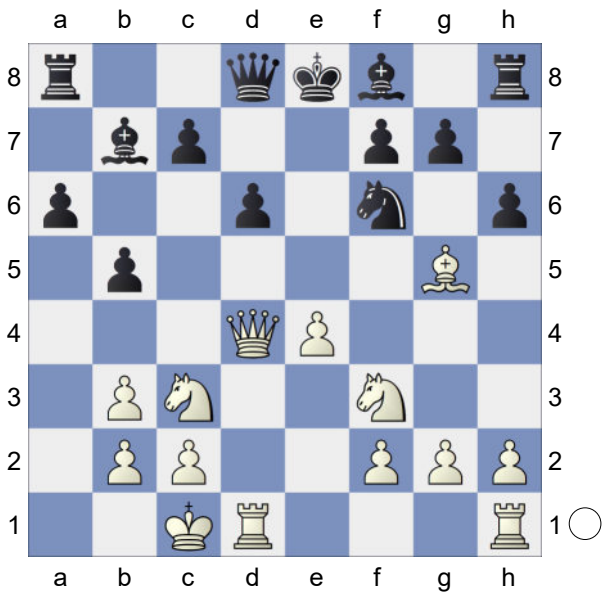
28.Nf6+!= gxf6 29.exf6
White threatens Qg4+ and mate.
29...Re4? 4.39/25
[29...Kh7= 0.01/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 30.Qf5+ Kh8]
30.Qg3+? -0.01/27
[30.Qc7+- 4.39/25 Ba5 31.Qxa5]
30...Kf8 31.f3? -4.71/25
[31.Rd1!∓ -0.56/26 Rd4 32.Rxd4 cxd4 33.Qc7]
31...Re6 32.Rd1? -8.92/20
[32.Qg7+ -2.97/22 Ke8 33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Qxf7+ Kc8 35.Qg7]
32...Rxf6-+ Black is clearly winning.
33.Qe5 Rfd6 34.Re1 Be6 35.Qf6
Weighted Error Value: White=1.45/ Black=0.99
35...Bxe1
0-1

C70
□ **vistagausta** **2842**
■ **GooDgamE12345** **2713**
Blitz 21.11.2024
[TA]

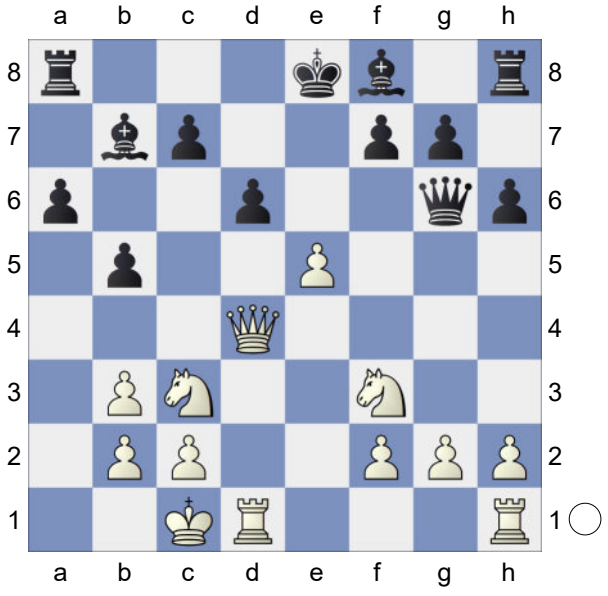
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4 And now Bxf7+! would win. White is slightly better. **8...Nxb3** 1.06/24
[8...Ne7± 0.54/28]
9.axb3± Bb7 10.Bg5N
[10.Bf4 Ne7 11.0-0-0 A5) Ruy Lopez – Odds & Ends-Ruy Lopez – Odds & Ends –]
10...Nf6? 2.79/25
[10...f6± 0.72/27]
11.0-0-0!+- h6

(Diagram)

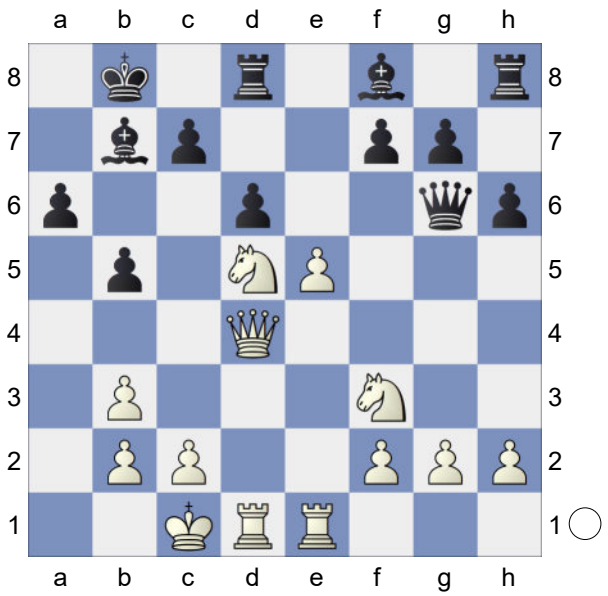
12.Bxf6 0.98/24
[12.e5!+- 3.14/22 is the precise move to win. hxg5 13.Rhe1 *(13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Qe3+ Be7∓)* 13...Bxf3 14.exf6+ Kd7 15.gxf3 Qxf6 16.Qg4+ Kd8 17.Nd5]



12...Qxf6± 13.e5 0.60/28
[13.Qd3± 1.14/26]
13...Qg6 1.23/25
[Black should try 13...Qe6± 0.60/28]



14.Rhe1 0.57/25
[14.exd6!± 1.23/25 Bxd6 15.Rhe1+ Kf8 16.Ne4]
14...0-0-0± 15.Nd5↑ White fights for an advantage. **15...Kb8** 0.85/24
[15...Qxg2± 0.37/23 16.Qc3 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 Kb7]

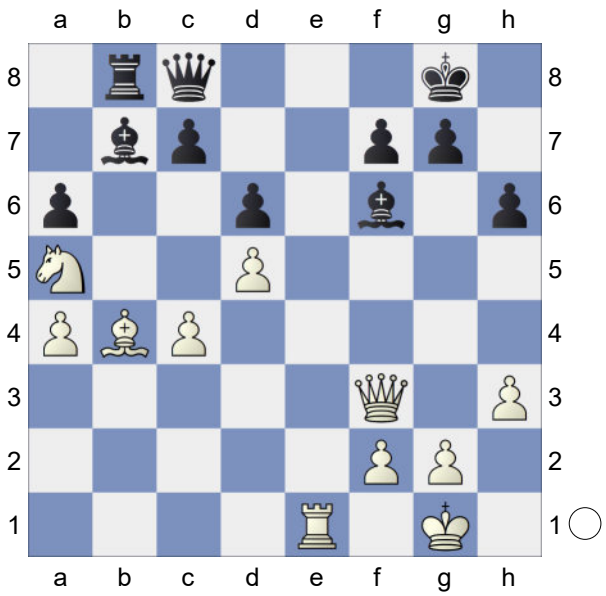


16.Qc3!± White stays focused until the end. **16...Rc8**
[16...Bxd5 17.Rxd5 Rc8 18.Qa5+-]
17.g3 h5 18.Kb1 &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **18...Qh6** 2.13/20
[18...Rh6!± 0.69/24]
19.h4+- Rg8 3.20/20
[19...Qg6 2.10/22 might work better. 20.exd6 cxd6]
20.Ng5 dxe5 21.Nxf7
[Not 21.Qxe5 f6 22.Qe6 Bc5±]
[21.Rxe5 Bd6 22.Ree1 *(22.Nxf7 Bxe5 23.Nxh6 Bxc3=)* 22...f6±]
21...Qc6 22.Qxc6
[Less strong is 22.Nxe5 Qxc3 23.Nd7+ *(23.bxc3 Rd8±; 23.Nxc3 Bd6±)* 23...Ka7 24.bxc3 Bd6±]
[22.Rxe5 Qd7 23.Ng5 Bd6±]
22...Bxc6 23.Nxe5 Bb7 24.Nd7+ Pair of Knights! **24...Ka7 25.Nxf8 Rgxf8 26.Nf4 Bf3 27.Rd7 Kb7 28.Rxg7 Rfe8 29.Rge7 Rxe7 30.Rxe7** Endgame KRB-KRN **30...Rd8 31.Nd3 Rf8 32.b4 Bg4 33.b3 Kb6 34.Kb2 Rf3 35.Re3 Rf6 36.Nf4** Threatens to win with Nd5+. **36...Rd6** Against Nd5+ **37.f3 Rc6 38.fxg4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.63
1-0

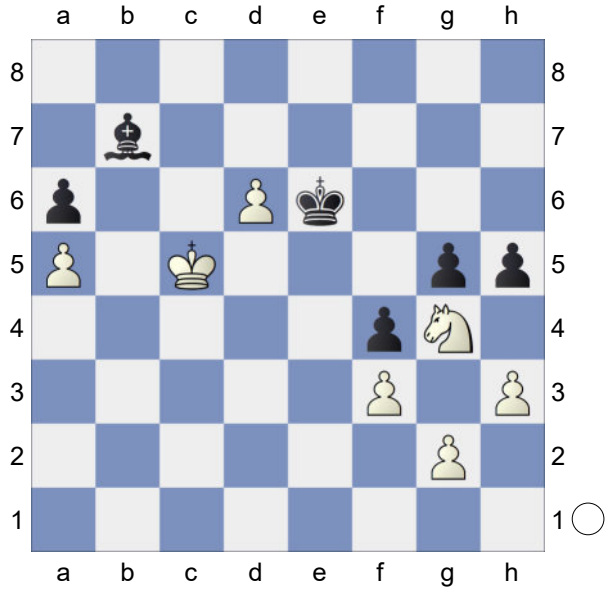
C70
□ **chess_impression** **2836**
■ **ForNairobi** **2740**
Blitz 09.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann DEVELOPMENTS The Norwegian Variation - Ideas and Trends The Norwegian Variation of the Ruy Lopez is a rare guest at top level tournaments and an almost forgotten opening line. However, I believe this is a very aggressive way to play for a win with the black pieces in the e4 e5 openings because of a great surprise factor! Let's take a closer look! Inf 40/(400) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2! Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Nc3N** 0.20/21
[11.Na5!± 0.63/19 Bc8 *(11...Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Re3 Rb5* ½-½ Samojlov,S (2536)-Orr,M (2461) 103/40 Belgrad 2008 (10)*; 11...Qc8 12.Re1 Be7 13.Nxb7 Qxb7 14.Nc3 0-0* Ruy Lopez-Norwegian Variation 2023 *)* 12.Nc3]
[11.Re1 Be7 12.Na5 Rb8 13.Nxb7 Rxb7 14.Qf3 Qc8 15.Nc3 c6 16.Ne2 0-0 17.Nd4 Smagin,S-Kupreichik,V Minsk Minsk 40/(400) 1985]
11...Be7 The position is equal. **12.Na5 Qc8 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.a4 b4** 0.89/20
[15...c6= 0.05/20]
16.Nd5± Nxd5 2.99/24
[16...c5± 0.78/20]
17.exd5+- Bf6 3.84/21
[17...Rb8 2.74/22 was necessary. 18.Bxb4 Bf6 *(18...Bxd5? 19.Qxd5 Bf8 20.Bc3+-)*]
18.Bxb4? 0.92/24
[18.Rxe8++- 3.84/21 Qxe8 19.Nxb7]
18...Bxb2± 19.Rab1 Rxe1+?? 5.20/22
[19...Be5± 0.94/20 is tougher.]
20.Rxe1? 1.03/21
[20.Bxe1+- 5.20/22 is the precise move to win. Qe8 21.Qb3 *(21.Nxb7 Bf6+-)*]
20...Bf6 21.c4 0.60/23
[21.Bd2± 1.26/23]
21...Rb8± 22.h3 White is much more active. **22...h6** 1.14/21
[22...Bxd5? 23.cxd5 Rxb4 24.Nc6+-]
[22...h5± 0.69/21 is more appropriate.]



23.Bc3 0.64/23

[23.Bd2!± 1.14/21]
23...Bxc3 24.Qxc3 c6? 4.84/21
[Better is 24...Ba8± 0.52/21]
25.Rb1? 0.14/24
[25.c5+- 4.84/21]
25...Ba8? 1.76/28
[25...cxd5= 0.14/24 26.Qb4 dxc4]
26.Rxb8+- Deflection **26...Qxb8**
27.Nxc6 Endgame KQB-KQN. White is a pawn up.
[Reject 27.dxc6?! Qb6=]
27...Qc7 7.93/23
[27...Qb1+ 1.87/25 28.Kh2 Bxc6 29.dxc6 Qe4]
28.Qa5 Qxa5 29.Nxa5 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **29...Kf8 30.Kf1 Ke7 31.Ke2 Kd8 32.Kd3 Kc7 33.Kd4 Kb6 34.Nb3 Bb7 35.a5+ Kc7 36.c5 Bc8 37.cxd6+ Kxd6 38.Nc5 f6 39.Ne4+ Kc7 40.Kc5 Bb7 41.d6+ Kd7 42.f3 f5 43.Nc3 g5 44.Nd5 f4 45.Nf6+ Ke6 46.Ng4 h5**



47.Ne5! And now d7 would win. Deflection, Promotion **47...g4**
[47...Bc8 48.Ng6]
48.hxg4 hxg4 49.Nxg4 Kd7 50.Ne5+ Kd8 51.d7 10.53/30
[⌓51.Kb6 33.92/30 Bc8 52.Nc6+ Kd7 53.Ne7 Kxd6 54.Nxc8+ Kd7 55.Kb7 *(55.Na7 Kd6+-)*]
51...Kc7 52.Kd4 Ba8 53.Kc5? 0.01/30
[White should play 53.Kc4+- 14.20/31 Bb7 54.Nd3 *(54.Kc5 Ba8+-)*]
53...Bb7= 54.Nd3 Kxd7 55.Kb6 Kc8 56.Nxf4 Kb8 57.Nd3 Bc8 58.Nc5 Bf5 59.Nxa6+ Kc8 60.Nc7 Threatening mate with a6. **60...Kd7 61.a6** White mates. **61...Bd3 62.a7 Bf1 63.a8Q Kd6 64.Qd5+ Ke7 65.Qe6+ Kf8 66.Qf6+ Kg8 67.Ne6 Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=1.37
68.Qg7#
1-0

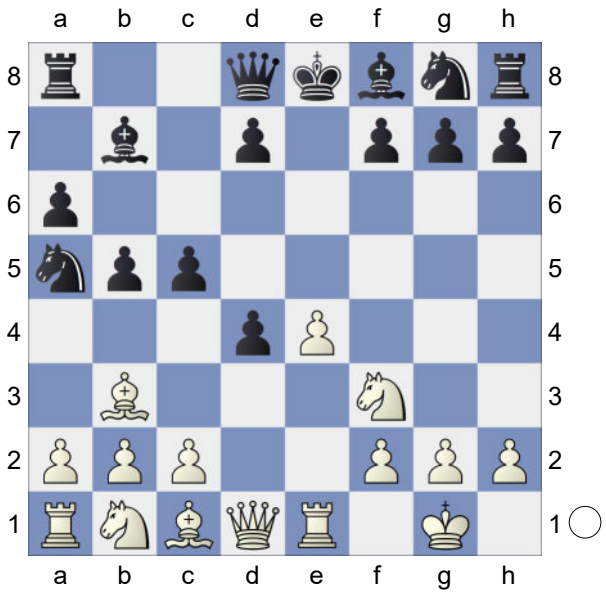
C70

□ **KeepGing002** **2821**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2622**
Blitz 23.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

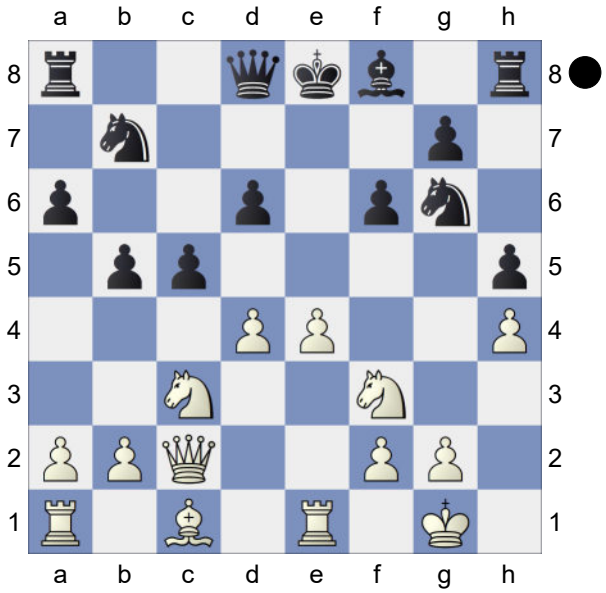
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4! 7.0-0N
[7.Qxd4 Nxb3 *(7...Bb7 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 22.Rbc1* (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/ (251) 2004*; 7...Ne7 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.h4 d6 10.Qe3 Nxb3 11.axb3 b4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5+ Be7 14.Qe4 0-0 15.Be3 Re8 16.0-0-0 a5 17.Qg4 Bf6 18.Ng5 g6 19.h5 Bc8 20.Qh4 h6 21.hxg6 Bxg5 22.gxf7+* 0-1 (32) Santos,L-Moen,O Olympiad-

21 Final B 1974 (9)) 8.axb3 Ne7 (8...d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe4+ 23.Kf1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2)) 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qd5 Bb7 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Rd1 d6 13.Bf4 Qc8 14.Qh5 0-0 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 f6 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Re1 Ne5 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Qe2 c6 21.Nc3 Bb6 ½-½ (29) Mansfield,H-Clarke,W Leningrad 48/748 1989]

7...Bb7 8.Re1 c5 1.35/20
[8...Nxb3= 0.00/18 9.axb3 Ne7]



9.Bd5!± White is clearly better. **9...Ne7** 2.13/22
[9...Be7± 1.15/18]
10.c3 f6 2.75/17
[10...Nec6± 1.43/18]
11.cxd4 d6 2.72/16
[11...Nxd5 1.72/18 keeps fighting. 12.exd5+ Kf7]
12.Bxb7+- Nxb7 13.Nc3 Ng6 3.89/18
[⌓13...Nc6 2.42/16 14.a4 b4]
14.h4 h5 5.04/18
[⌓14...Ne7 3.45/17 15.Qe2 h6]
15.Qc2



Kf7? 7.99/20
[15...cxd4 3.53/18 16.Nxd4 Na5]
16.e5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Ne7 18.Bf4 c4 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Qe4 Re8 21.Rd7 Nc5 22.Qd5+ 0.56/17 Black is weak on the dark squares
[22.Qe3+- 6.65/18]
22...Kg6± 23.Rxe7 Bxe7 1.11/19
[23...Rxe7± 0.45/24 24.Be3 Re8]
24.exf6→ White wants a kill. **24...Bxf6 25.Be3** Some like it hot. White has more active pieces. **25...Rd8?** 3.47/21
[25...Bxc3? 26.bxc3 (26.Bxc5 Qd8+-) 26...Qd8 27.Qxc5+-]
[25...Qc7± 0.81/22]
26.Bxc5+-
[Not 26.Qxc5 Qxc5 27.Bxc5 Rhe8±]
26...Rxd5 27.Bxb6 Rd3 28.Ne5+ Bxe5 29.Rxe5 Rd2 30.Re2? 1.39/23
[30.Ne4+- 3.84/23 and White stays clearly on top. Rxb2 31.Bd4 Rxa2 32.Rg5+ Discovered Attack Kf7 33.Rxg7+ (33.Bxg7 Rg8=) 33...Ke6 34.Nc5+ Kd5 35.Rd7+ Discovered Attack Kc6 36.Bxh8]

30...Rxe2± 31.Nxe2 This costs Black the game. **31...Re8** 2.80/25
[31...Rb8± 1.39/20 32.Ba5 b4]
32.Kf1+- Threatens to win with a3.
32...Re6? 11.90/23
[32...b4 2.58/25 33.Ba5 Rb8]
33.Nf4+ White is clearly winning.
33...Kf5 34.Nxe6 Kxe6 Endgame KB-KP **35.Bd4 g6 36.Bc3 Kf5 37.g3 Ke4 38.Ke2 Kf5 39.f3 g5 40.hxg5 Kxg5 41.a3 h4 42.Bd2+ Kh5 43.g4+ Kg6 44.f4 Kf6 45.Kf3 Kg6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=1.42
46.Bc3
1-0

C70
□ **chesszxj** **2813**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2619**
Blitz 24.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

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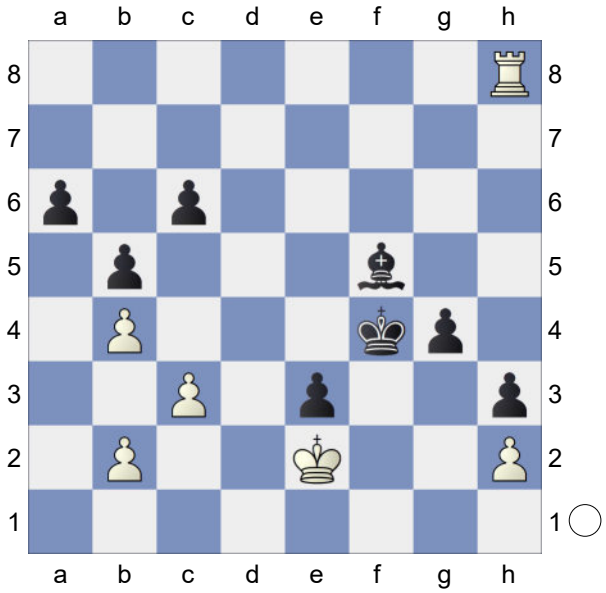
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Qg5!
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]
8.Nf3 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 The position is equal. **10.d3N**
[10.Rg3 Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 *(12...g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 25.Rga1 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Rb7 27.Ra4* 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7) *)* 13.Be3 g6 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.Ra2 c6 16.Qa1 Kc7 17.Rxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Rc8 19.Ndxb5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+ Ke7 21.Nd5+ 1-0 Da Silvo Filho-Franke,J Tele-sim Tal-AUS [Tal 1974]
[10.Nc3 Bb7 11.d4 d6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bf4 Bg7 C 70/04 1997]
10...Bb7 11.Nc3 0-0-0 0.62/20
[11...Ne7= -0.01/20]
12.Bf4 0.01/19
[12.Nd5!± 0.62/20]
12...f6 13.Qe2 -0.37/20
[13.Rg3± 0.35/22 Qh5 14.Nd4 Qxd1+ 15.Kxd1]
13...Ne7!∓ 14.Qe3? -1.63/21
[14.0-0-0!= -0.01/19 and White stays safe.]
14...d5!-+ 15.exd5 -2.60/21
[15.Bg3∓ -1.40/19]
15...Nxd5
[15...Bxd5 16.Nd4 Qxe3+ 17.fxe3=]
16.Nxd5 Rxd5
[16...Bxd5 17.Nd2 Qh5 18.Ne4∓]
17.0-0-0 Qd7? -0.84/20
[17...g5!-+ -2.54/22 has better winning chances. 18.Nd2 Qd7]
18.Rde1 -1.57/22
[⌓18.h4 -0.84/20]
18...Bc5 -0.64/21
[18...g5!∓ -1.57/22 19.Bg3 *(19.Qe8+ Qxe8 20.Rxe8+ Rd8∓)* 19...Bc5]
19.d4∓ Bb6↑ White is under pressure.
[19...Bxd4 20.Nxd4 g5 *(20...Rxd4 21.Rxg7 Qxg7 22.Qxd4±)* 21.Qe7 gxf4 22.Qxf6±]
20.b4? -3.94/17
[20.c3∓ -0.65/16]

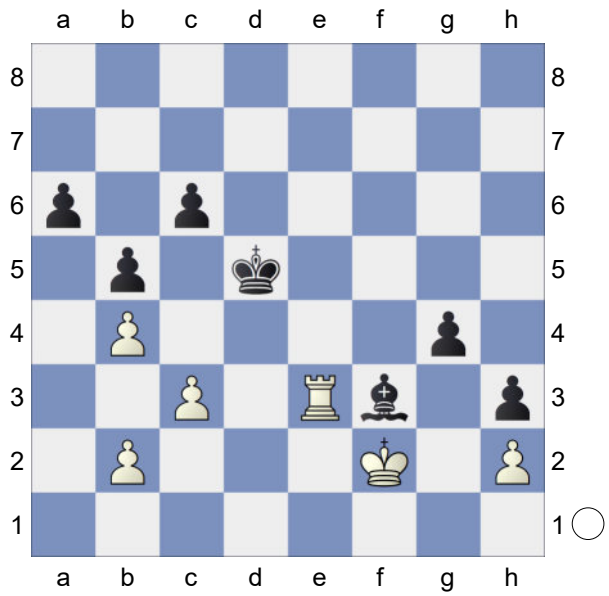
20...g5-+
[20...Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxd4±]
21.Bg3 Rf5
[21...Bxd4 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1±]
22.Nd2 Bxd4 23.Qd3 -5.70/19
[23.Qe2 -2.70/17]
23...Bxf2 This pair of bishops is nice.
24.Qxd7+ Kxd7 25.Ref1 Bxg1
26.Rxf5 Bd4 27.c3 -6.40/21
[⌓27.Nb3 -4.53/20 Be3+ 28.Kb1]
27...Ke6 28.Rf1 Be5 29.Re1 h5
30.Nb3 Kf5 31.Bxe5 fxe5 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is two pawns up.
32.Nc5 Bc8 33.Rf1+ Kg4 34.Ne4 Kh4
35.Rf7 g4 36.Nf2 Bb7 37.Kd2 Bd5
38.Rf5 Re8 39.Ke3 Bf3 40.Nd3 Bd1
41.Nf2 Bf3 0.01/18
[41...Bb3-+ -6.55/21 42.Ne4 Bc2 43.Rxh5+ Decoy Kxh5 44.Nf6+ Kh4 45.Nxe8 Kh3]
42.Nd3!= Bd1? 0.01/21
[42...Bc6-+ -6.10/19 43.Rxe5 Kh3]
43.Nf2! Bc2 44.Rf6 c6 45.Rf7 Re6
46.Kd2 Bg6 47.Rf8 Kg5
[47...g3 48.hxg3+ Kxg3 49.Ke3-+]
48.Ke3 h4 49.Rg8 Rf6? 0.68/20
[49...g3 50.Ne4+ Kg4 51.hxg3 hxg3 52.Nc5=]
[49...Re8-+ -6.86/23 50.Ne4+ Kh6 51.Rxe8 Bxe8]
50.Ne4+± Kf5 51.Nxf6 0.26/25
[51.Rc8?! g3 52.hxg3 *(52.Nxf6? gxh2 53.Ne4 h1Q-+)* 52...Re6±]
[White should play 51.c4!± 0.83/24]
51...Kxf6± KR-KB **52.Rh8** 0.01/22
[52.Ra8± 0.49/27]
52...Kg5= 53.Kf2 White has compensation. **53...Bf5 54.Rf8 Kf4**
55.Rg8 e4 56.Rh8 e3+ 0.56/29
[56...g3+= -0.29/27 57.hxg3+ hxg3+ 58.Kf1 e3]
57.Ke2± h3 5.85/29
[57...Be6± 0.54/25]



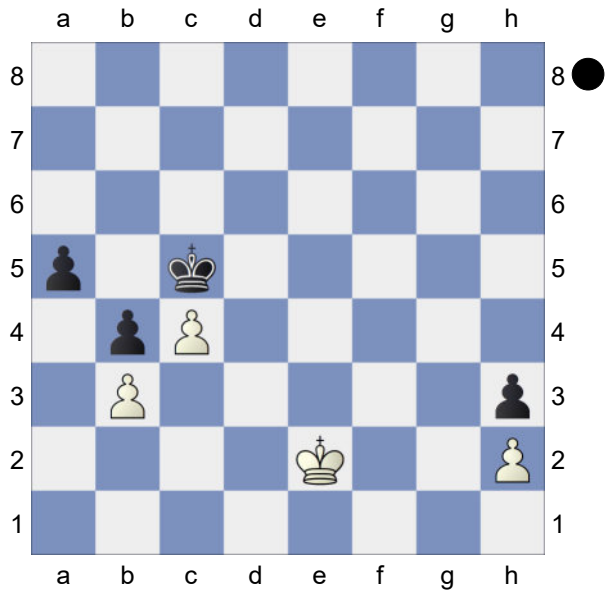
58.Rg8? -0.01/28
[Only move: 58.Rf8!+- 5.85/29 Ke4 59.Re8+ Deflection Kd5 *(59...Kf4? 60.Rxe3 Be4 61.Kf2+-)* 60.Kxe3]
58...Be6 0.41/22
[58...Be4= -0.01/28]
59.Rf8+ Bf5 60.Rg8 and Rf8 should not be overlooked **60...Ke4?** 5.82/25
[60...Be4= -0.01/29 and Black stays safe.]
61.Re8+- Deflection **61...Kd5 62.Rxe3 Be4?** 5.53/25
[62...Kc4 3.05/22 was called for. 63.Re5 Bc8]
63.Kf2 Bf3

(Diagram)

64.Rxf3? 0.21/19
[64.b3!+- 4.83/23 c5 65.Rd3+ Kc6 66.Kg3]
64...gxf3 KP-KP. Black is a pawn up.
65.b3? -15.51/21
[65.Kxf3± 0.54/24 Kc4 66.Kg4]
65...c5 66.bxc5 Kxc5 67.Kxf3-+



K3P-K3P **67...b4?** -0.01/17
[Better is 67...a5-+ -14.43/24 68.Ke2 a4 69.bxa4 bxa4]
68.c4!= a5 69.Ke2



a4! Deflection **70.bxa4 Kxc4**
[70...b3!? 71.Kd2□ Kb4= *(71...Kxc4 72.a5=)*]
71.Kd2! b3 And now ...Kb4 would win.
72.Kc1? -16.34/29
[72.a5= -0.01/22 Kb5 *(72...b2 73.Kc2=)* 73.Kc3]
72...Kb4-+ 73.Kb2 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.33
73...Kxa4
0-1

C70

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2801**
■ **Pranesh,M** **2582**
Masters Open 2024 (4.3) 06.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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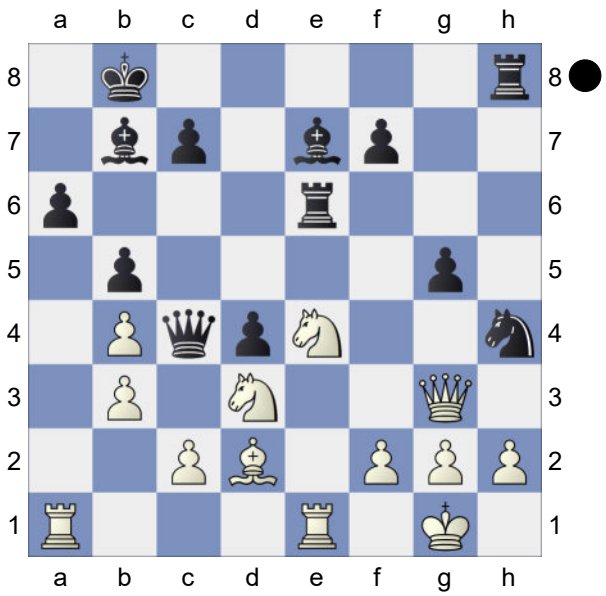
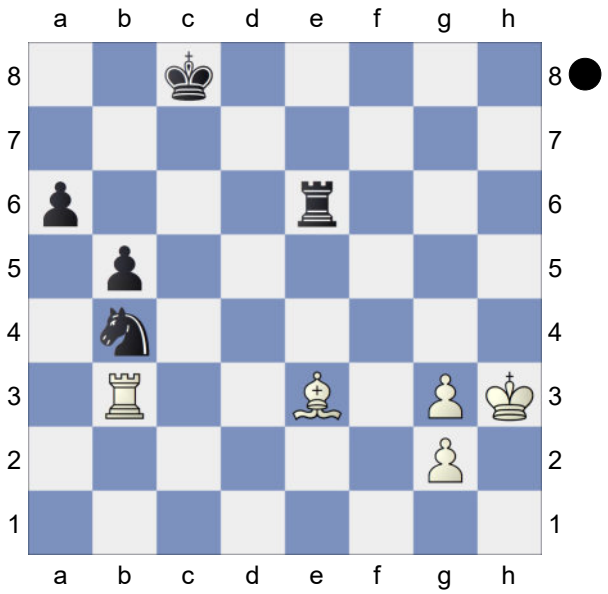
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Ne7 1.10/22
[Better is 8...Nxb3± 0.60/23 9.axb3 c5]
9.e5N -0.37/28 White is more active.
[9.Qxd4 c5 10.Qc3 c4 11.Bxc4 Nxc4∓]
[9.Nxd4± 1.10/22 Nc3 is the strong threat. c5 10.Nf5 Bxf5 11.exf5 c4 12.Nc3 f6 13.a4 cxb3 14.axb5 Kf7 15.bxa6 *(15.Qe2)* 15...Nac6 16.Nd5 bxc2 17.Qxc2 Nxd5 18.Qxc6 Ne7 19.Rxe7+ Bxe7 20.Qd5+ Kf8 21.b4 g5 22.b5 Kg7 23.Be3 Qd7 24.b6 Rhb8 25.h4 Qc8 26.Qb5 1-0 Inarkiev,E (2693)-Moiseenko,V (2523) Turkiye 141/114 2019 h6 27.Bd4 Ra7 28.Qe2 Rd7 29.Qh5 Qe8 30.Qxe8 Rxe8 31.b7 d5 32.Rb1 11 Chapter C50-Games Chapter C50 Game]
9...Nxb3∓ Black is slightly better.
10.axb3 dxe5
[10...c5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Nc3= *(12.b4 cxb4 13.Bg5 f6∓)*]
11.Nxe5 Bb7 12.Qg4 Qd5 13.Kf1 -0.94/25
[13.c4= -0.19/23 keeps the balance. Qe6 14.Qh5]

13...h5 14.Qh3 Bc8! 15.Qh4 -1.27/20
[⌓15.Qf3 -0.82/25]
15...Bb7 -0.74/22
[⌓15...Nf5! -1.27/20 16.Qf4 Be7]
16.Qh3∓ Bc8 17.Qf3 Bb7 0.00/24
[17...Qxf3!∓ -1.03/20 18.Nxf3 Bb7]
18.Nd2 -0.43/23
[18.Qh3= 0.00/24]
18...Rh6
[18...Rg8 simplifies 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.Nef3 0-0-0]
19.Ne4 Rb6 20.Qxh5 -0.91/22
[20.Bf4!∓ -0.34/25]
20...0-0-0!↑ Keeping White busy.
21.Qh3+ Kb8! 22.Nd3 Ng6 23.Bd2 -1.30/21
[⌓23.Qg3 -0.93/22]
23...Be7
[23...Ne5 24.Nf4 Qd7 *(24...Qc6 25.Rac1=)* 25.Qxd7 Rxd7 26.Nc5 Bxc5 27.Rxe5=]
24.b4 -1.86/20
[24.Re2∓ -1.43/19]
24...Rh8-+ 25.Qg3 Nh4 Threatens to win with ...Re6. **26.Nf4** -3.11/20
[26.b3 -1.68/20 was called for.]
26...Qc4+ 27.Kg1 g5
[27...Bxb4? 28.b3 Nf5 *(28...Qxc2? 29.Bxb4 Nf5 30.Qd3+-)* 29.bxc4+-]
[27...Qxc2 28.Rac1 Qa4 *(28...Qxb2? 29.Nd3+-)* 29.Qxg7+- *(29.Nd5 Nf3+ 30.gxf3 Rg6+-)*]
28.Nd3 -2.30/20
[⌓28.b3 -1.80/20 Qc6 *(28...Qxc2 29.Rac1=; 28...gxf4 29.Qg7∓)* 29.Nd3 *(29.Nxg5? Bxg5 30.f3 Qxc2-+)*]
28...Re6
[28...Qxc2? 29.Rac1 *(29.Bxg5 Bxg5 30.Nxg5 Nf3+ 31.Nxf3 Qxd3±)* 29...Nf5 30.Rxc2+-]
29.b3
(Diagram)



Qc6
[29...Qxc2? 30.Rac1 Nf5 *(30...Qxb3? 31.Qxc7+ Ka7 32.Ndc5+-* Decoy *)* 31.Rxc2+-]
30.f3 -2.80/18
[30.Nec5∓ -1.43/17 Rxe1+ *(30...Qxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Bxg2 32.Nxe6=)* 31.Nxe1]
30...Qxc2 31.Ndc5 Bxc5 32.Rac1 Bd6? -0.55/20
[Stronger than 32...Nxf3+ 33.gxf3 Qd3 34.Rxc5 *(34.Nxc5? Rxe1+ 35.Rxe1 Qxd2-+)* 34...Bxe4 *(34...Qxb3? 35.Rxc7 Ka8 36.Rxb7+-)* 35.Rxe4 Qxd2 36.Rxe6 fxe6 37.Qxc7+ Ka8 38.Qc6+ Ka7 39.Qd7+ Ka8 40.Rc8+ Rxc8 41.Qxc8+ Ka7 42.Qc7+ Ka8 43.Qd8+ Kb7 44.Qe7+ Kb8 45.Qd8+ Ka7 46.Qe7+ Ka8 47.Qf8+ Kb7 48.Qe7+ Kb8 49.Qd6+ Kb7 50.Qd7+ Kb8 51.Qd8+ Kb7 52.Qe7+=]
[32...Qb2-+ -2.89/23 33.Nxc5 Qxd2 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.Qxc7+ Ka7 *(35...Ka8? 36.Qg3-+)*]
33.Rxc2∓ Bxg3 34.hxg3 Bxe4 35.fxe4 -1.54/22

[White must play 35.Rxe4∓ -0.54/24 Rxe4 36.fxe4]
35...Ng6∓ 36.Bxg5 f5? 0.06/26
[36...f6-+ -1.76/22 37.Bd2 Ne5]
37.Rec1 fxe4 Strongly threatening ...e3.
38.Rxc7 e3 ...e2 would now be deadly.
39.Rd7 Rc8
[39...e2!? 40.Re1□ Re4=]
40.Re1
[40.Rxc8+ Kxc8 41.Rxd4 e2-+]
40...Rc3 41.Rxd4 Rxb3 42.Kh2 Kb7 43.Kh3 -0.64/20
[White should play 43.Kg1= -0.02/24]
43...Ne5 44.Rxe3 Black is better.
[44.Bxe3? loses. Nc6 45.Rd7+ Kc8-+]
44...Rxe3 45.Bxe3 Black must now prevent Re4. **45...Nc6! 46.Rd7+ Kc8 47.Rd3 Nxb4 48.Rb3**



Nd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

C70
□ **Firouzja,Alireza 2785**
■ **Zakhartsov,Vladimir 2547**
Titled Tue 21. Mar Late (9) 21.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

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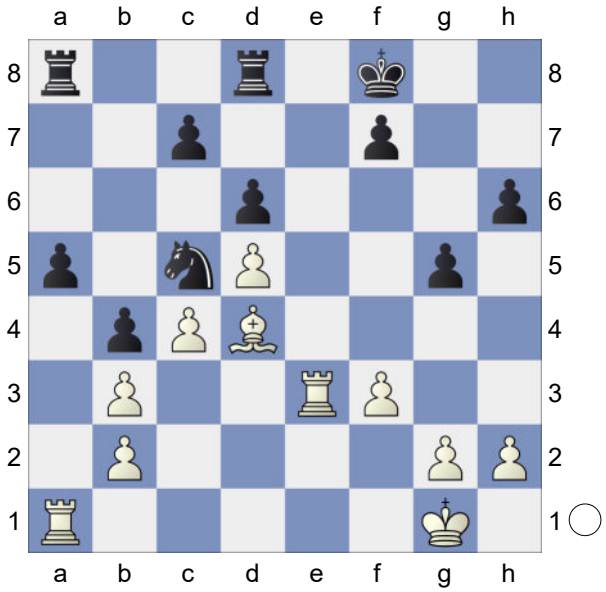
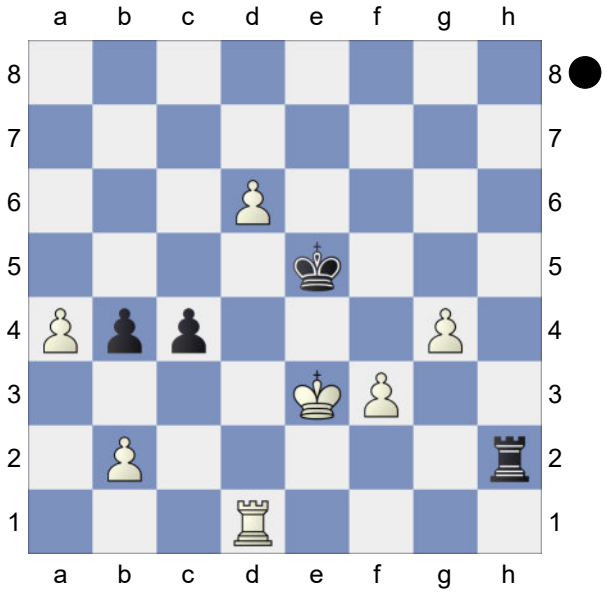
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1
[7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
[7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22.DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
7...Be7 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4N
[9.Qxd4 Bf6 *(9...Nf6 10.e5 dxe5 11.Qxe5 Nc6 12.Qc3 Bb7 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Kf8 15.Bf4*
8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #1 *)*
10.e5 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Bxd8 12.Nxe5 Nxb3 13.axb3 Ne7 14.Nc3
8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #2]
9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Bb7 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.Nf5 0-0 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4
Strongly threatening Re3. White is much more active. White is better. **14...b4 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qd8 18.Qd4 g5 19.Bg3 a5 20.Re3** 0.01/21

[White should play 20.f4± 0.55/23]
20...Nh5= 21.c4 Qf6 Prevents h4.
22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.f3 Nd7 24.Re7 Rfd8
[Don't play 24...Nc5?! 25.Rxc7 Nxb3 26.Rd1+-]
25.Bf2 Kf8 26.Ree1 Ne5 27.Bd4↑
White is pushing. **27...Nd3** 1.35/26
[27...f6± 0.42/24]
28.Re3± Nc5 1.80/24
[28...Nf4± 1.41/25]



29.Rae1 0.39/22
[29.f4!+- 1.80/24]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
29...Rd7? 3.72/24
[29...a4± 0.39/22]
30.h4 1.79/23
[⌓30.Bf6 3.72/24]
30...f5? 3.63/27
[30...gxh4 1.79/23 31.Kf2 f5]
31.Bxc5+- dxc5 Endgame KRR-KRR
32.Re6 Rd6 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Re7 c6 35.R7e5 cxd5? 5.61/24
[35...f4 3.35/24 was called for. 36.Rf5+ *(36.Rxg5 cxd5 37.cxd5 a4+-)* 36...Kg7 37.Rxg5+ Kh6]
36.Rxf5+ Kg7 37.Rxg5+ Kf6 38.Rxd5 Rxd5 39.cxd5 KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **39...Rd8 40.Rd1 Ke5 41.Kf2 a4 42.bxa4 c4 43.Ke2 Rg8 44.g4 Rh8 45.d6 Rh2+ 46.Ke3**



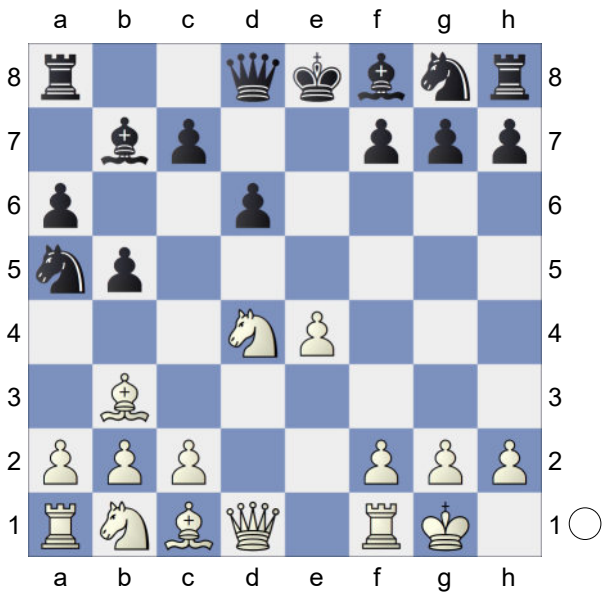
Threatening mate with d7. **46...Rh8 47.d7 Rd8 48.f4+ Ke6 49.Rd4 c3 50.bxc3 bxc3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.82
51.Kd3
1-0

C70
□ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2510**
Titled Tuesday 27. Oct (7) 27.10.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
Inf 40/400 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7**

(Diagram)

9.c4! c5 10.Nf5
[10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.axb3



b4 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bf4 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Re1 Bc8 17.Nd2 g5 18.Bg3 f5 19.f4 g4 20.Qc2 Bf6 21.Nf1 h5 22.Re2 Ra7 23.Rae1 h4 24.Bf2 Rg7 ½-½ (72) Obgolts,E (2426)-Zakhartsov,V (2513) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial op-A 2022 (4.6)]

10...g6 11.Ng3 0.21/21
[11.Ne3± 0.63/22 should be considered.]

11...Bg7= The position is equal.
[11...h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 24.Nxh3 Re8 25.Qf4 Qd7 26.Kg2 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]

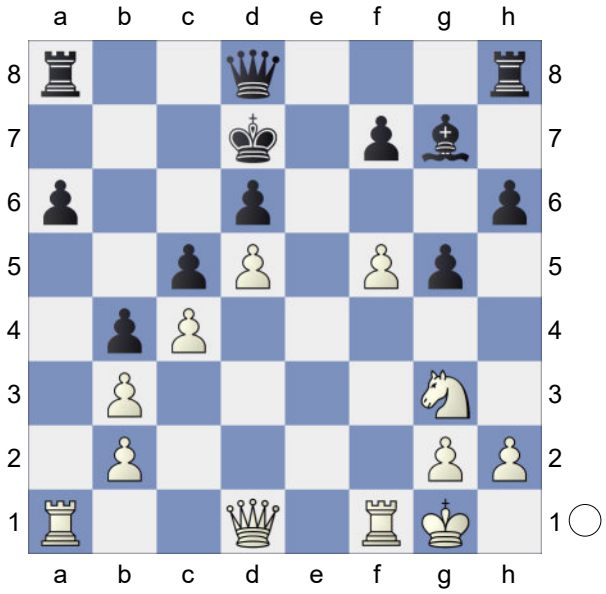
12.Nc3 Nxb3N
[12...b4 13.Nd5 Nf6 14.Ba4+ Kf8 15.a3 Nxc4 16.Nxf6 Bxf6 17.axb4 Kg7 *(17...h5 18.Qb3 Nb6 19.bxc5* C 70/04 1997 *)* 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Qb3 Nb6 20.Nf5+ gxf5 21.Qg3+ Kf8 22.Rd1 Bd4 23.Bh6+ Ke7 24.Rxd4 Qxd4 25.Rd1 Qxd1+ 26.Bxd1 Nd7 27.exf5 1-0 (34) Tseshkovsky,V-Kupreichik,V Minsk Minsk 40/400 1985 Rhe8 28.Bd2 Rac8 29.f6+ Kxf6 30.Qd6+ Re6 31.Qxd7 Rce8 32.h3 Bc6 33.Be3 Kg6 34.Qd3+ 1-0 7.♘f4 ♗d6 8.♘gh5-Meyer,R La (ol) 2/442 1966]

13.axb3 b4 14.Nd5 0.01/21
[14.Na4± 0.83/23]

14...Ne7 0.79/22
[14...Nf6= 0.01/21]

15.Bg5± Bxd5! 16.exd5 h6 17.Bxe7 -0.10/21
[17.Bf4± 0.75/21]

17...Kxe7= 18.f4 Kd7 19.f5⇄
White puts up resistance **19...g5**

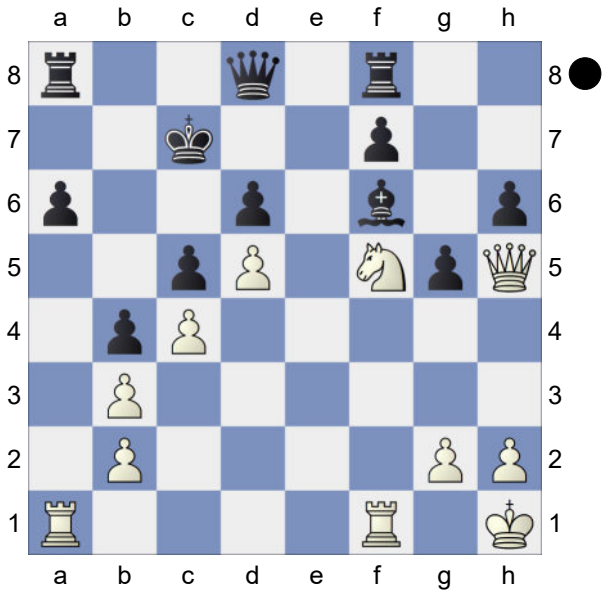


20.f6! Bxf6 Black is weak on the light squares **21.Kh1** -0.66/24
[21.Qh5!= 0.01/23 Rh7 22.Qf3 Bd4+ 23.Kh1]

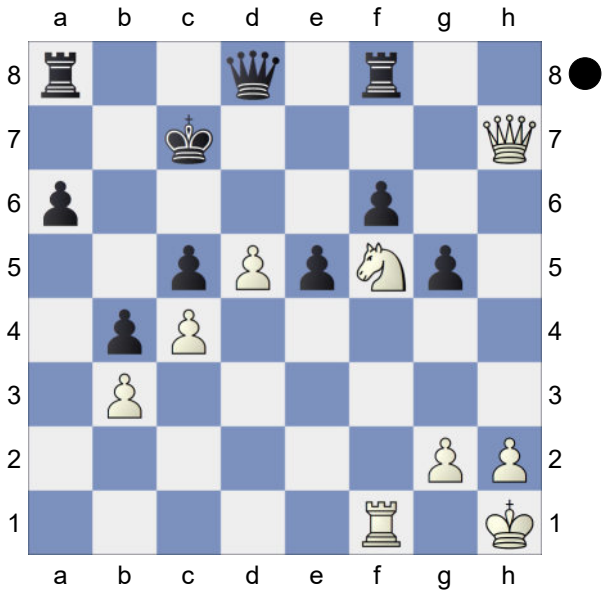
21...Rf8 22.Qh5 -1.18/21
[22.Qc2∓ -0.54/23 Kc7 23.Nf5]

22...Kc7 -0.01/21
[22...Be5!∓ -1.18/21]

23.Nf5 -1.41/21
[23.Rae1!= -0.01/21 was the only way to keep the balance.]



23...Bxb2 -0.01/23
[23...Qd7!∓ -1.41/21 24.Qxh6 *(24.Nxh6 Bxb2 25.Rab1 Bd4±)* 24...Bxb2]
24.Rae1 aiming for Nxd6!. **24...Be5**
25.Rxe5! dxe5 26.Qxh6
[26.Nxh6 e4∓]
26...f6 27.Qh7+? -1.53/22
[White should play 27.Ng3= 0.01/20]

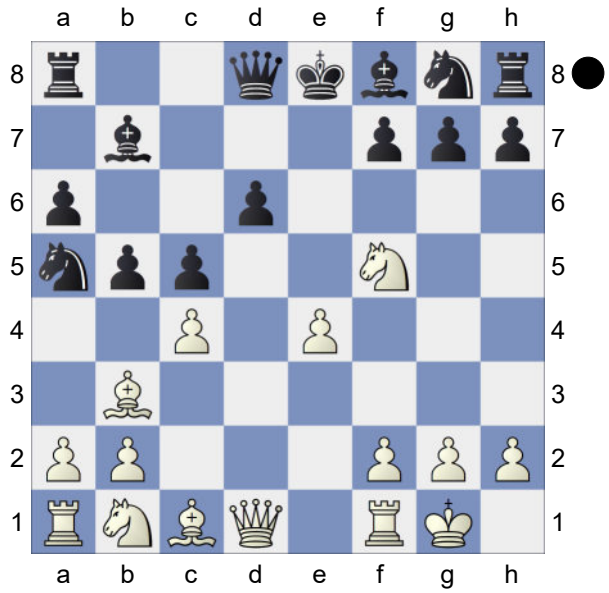


27...Qd7 -0.81/23
[⌓27...Kb8! -1.53/22 Strongly threatening ...Ra7. 28.Ne7 Qd6 29.Nc6+ Kc8]
28.d6+∓ Kc6 29.Ne7+ Kb6 -0.01/20
[Better is 29...Kb7!∓ -1.39/25 30.Rd1 g4]
30.Nd5+= Kc6 31.Qe4 Chess con chili.
31...Kxd6 0.93/24
[31...Qxd6 32.Rd1 f5 33.Nxb4+ Kc7 34.Qe1∓]
[31...f5= -0.01/24 32.Nxb4+ *(32.Qxe5 Qxd6 33.Qg7 Rfe8=)* 32...Kb6 33.Nd5+ *(33.Qxe5? cxb4 34.c5+ Kb7-+)* 33...Kc6 34.Rxf5 Double Attack *(34.Qxe5 Qxd6 35.Qg7 g4=; 34.Ne7+ Kxd6 35.Nxf5+ Kc7∓)* 34...Qxd6]
32.Rd1 -0.01/20 White is much more active.
[32.Nxf6± 0.93/24 White wants to mate with Qd5+. Qf7 33.Qd3+ Kc6 34.Rf3 Qxf6 35.Rxf6+ Rxf6 36.Qe4+ Kb6 37.h4]
32...Ke6 33.Qg4+ f5 34.Qxg5
Loses the game. **34...Qf7** 35.46/26 Against Qg6+
[34...Qh7= 0.25/23]
35.Qh6++- Kd7 36.Nb6+ Kc7
37.Qd6+ Kb7 38.Nd7 White mates.
[Less strong is 38.Nxa8 Rxa8 39.Qxc5 Qc7 40.Qxb4+ Ka7+-]
38...Rfd8 39.Qb6+ Kc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.54
40.Qc6#
1-0

C70

□ **sebastiankost** **2748**
■ **Babushka28** **2895**
Blitz 15.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5! 10.Nf5
[10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bf4 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Re1 Bc8 17.Nd2 g5 18.Bg3 f5 19.f4 g4 20.Qc2 Bf6 21.Nf1 h5 22.Re2 Ra7 23.Rae1 h4 24.Bf2 Rg7 ½-½ (72) Obgolts,E (2426)-Zakhartsov,V (2513) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial op-A 2022 (4.6)]

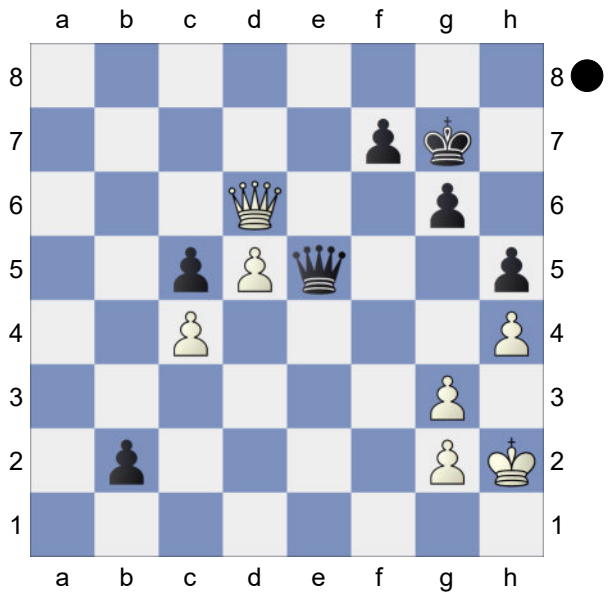


Threatens to win with Bf4. **10...g6**
11.Ne3
[11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 24.Nxh3 Re8 25.Qf4 Qd7 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]
11...Bg7 White is slightly better.
12.Nd5N -0.35/25
[12.cxb5!± 0.46/24 axb5 13.Nc3 *(13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 Rxa4* ½-½ Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019 *)*]
12...Nf6∓
[12...bxc4?! 13.Ba4+ Nc6 14.Na3±]
13.Nbc3 Nxd5
[13...bxc4 14.Ba4+ Kf8 15.Bg5-+]
14.Nxd5 -1.50/25
[White should play 14.exd5∓ -0.48/23 0-0 *(14...bxc4 15.Re1+ Kf8 16.Ba4+-)* 15.cxb5]
14...0-0∓
[14...bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qa4+ Qd7 17.Qxc4=]
15.Qd3 Re8 16.Bf4 -2.77/25
[⌓16.Nc3 -1.72/23]
16...Bxb2-+ 17.Rad1 Bd4 18.Rfe1 Bxd5 19.exd5 Qf6 20.Bg3 h5 21.h4 Nxb3 22.axb3 b4 23.Kf1? -5.98/25
[23.Qf3 -3.36/24 Red8 24.Qxf6 Bxf6 25.Re2]
23...a5 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Re1 Prevents Re3 **25...Ra8** and ...a4 should not be overlooked **26.Qd1 Qf5 27.Re7 Bf6 28.Re3** -7.15/24
[⌓28.Rb7 -4.50/24 Qe4 29.Bxd6]
28...Bd4? 0.01/22
[28...Qd7-+ -7.15/24 29.Kg1 a4 30.bxa4 Kh7 *(30...Rxa4? 31.Qe2-+)*]
29.Re7? -5.14/24
[29.Re2= 0.01/22]
29...Qf6? 0.01/21

[29...Kf8-+ -5.14/24 30.Re2 Ra6]
30.Qe2 -5.92/26
[30.Re1!= 0.01/21 Qd8 31.Re4]
30...Kg7 31.Re8 Prevents a4 **31...Rxe8 32.Qxe8** Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **32...Qf5 33.Kg1 Qf6?** -0.01/23
[33...Be5-+ -8.84/26 34.Kh2 Qf6 *(34...Qxf2?* loses. *35.Qxe5+ dxe5 36.Bxf2+-)*]
34.Kh2 -11.15/23
[34.Kf1= -0.01/23 g5 *(34...Qf5? 35.Kg1-+)* 35.hxg5]
34...Be5 35.Kh3 Bxg3 36.fxg3 KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up. **36...Qf5+ 37.Kh2 Qf6?** 0.01/34
[37...Qe5-+ -8.54/27 38.Qb5 g5 39.hxg5 h4 *(39...Qxg5 40.Qxa5 h4 41.Qa1+ Kg6 42.Qb1+ Kh6 43.Qd3∓)* 40.Qxa5 Qxg3+ *(40...Qxg5 41.Qa1+ Kg6 42.Qb1+ Kh6 43.Qd3∓)* 41.Kh1 Qxb3 *(41...Qxg5? 42.Qa1+ Kg6 43.Qb1+ Kf6 44.Qb2+ Kf5 45.Qe2-+)*]
38.Qa4 -5.33/34
[38.Kh3!= 0.01/34 and White is okay.]
38...Qc3 39.Qb5 -14.50/29
[⌓39.Qa2 -4.88/32 g5 40.hxg5]
39...Qxb3 40.Qxa5 Qc3 41.Qd8 Qe5 -16.71/34
[⌓41...b3 -35.28/31 42.Qxd6 b2 *(42...Qxc4 43.Qe5+ Kh7 44.d6∓)*]
42.Qc7 b3 43.Qb6 b2 (-> ...Qc3)
44.Qb5 Qc3 45.Qd7 Qe5? 0.01/26
[45...b1Q -#8/18 mates 46.Qe7 Qd4 *(46...Qxc4 47.Qe3-+)* 47.Qxf7+ Kxf7 48.g4 Qbg1+ 49.Kh3 Qxg4#]
46.Qxd6? -#4/10

(Diagram)

Qxd6 47.Kh3 Qe5 Black mates. **48.g4**



b1Q 49.g3 Qg1 50.g5 Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.51/ Black=0.94
50...Qgxg3#
0-1

C70
□ **abrakadabra02** **2747**
■ **Lav_eli_mi_kri1920** **2752**
Blitz 13.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Nf5N -0.32/25
[9.Bd2± 0.44/22
A) 9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 11.Nc3 *(11.Na5 Ba8 12.c4 Nf6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qe4 Rb5 22.Nc6+ Kf8 23.Rad1 h5 24.f4 Bf5 25.Qc4 Rc5* 0-1 (71) Buckley,

G (2345)-Peter,G (2235) Kingston 2nd 2023 (4) *)* 11...Nf6 12.Re1 Be7 13.a4 0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qf3 Re8 16.Nd4 b4 17.Nd5 c5 18.Nf5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Bf4 Ra8 22.Rd1 Qd7 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.h3 0-1 (55) Schneider,I (2525)-Bethke,R (2381) GER-ch blitz 2022 (10);

B) 9...c5 10.Qe1 Nxb3 11.Nxb3]

[9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 *(10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Be7 15.a3* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 2006 *)* 10...g6 11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]

[9.a4 c5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Nf5 g6 12.Nh6 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.Re1 Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Ng4 18.Bg7 Rg8 19.Bc3 b4 20.h3 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.c3 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (1)]

9...g6∓ 10.Ne3 Bg7 11.Re1 -0.72/26

[11.Bd2= -0.28/24 is more appropriate. Nxb3 *(11...Bxb2 12.Bxa5 Bxa1 13.Nd5±)* 12.axb3]

11...Ne7 -0.22/24

[11...Nf6∓ -0.72/26]

12.Bd5 -1.00/25

[12.Bd2= -0.22/24 Nxb3 *(12...Bxb2 13.Bc3∓)* 13.axb3]

12...Nxd5 -0.49/25

[12...c6!∓ -1.00/25 13.Bb3 0-0]

13.Nxd5 -0.97/25

[13.exd5∓ -0.49/25 0-0 14.a4]

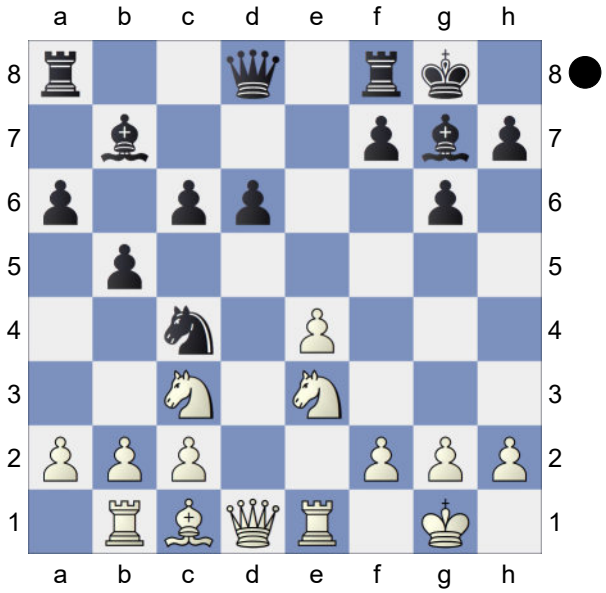
13...0-0∓ 14.Nbc3 -1.58/21

[⌓14.Nd2 -0.90/24]

14...Nc4 -0.99/22

[⌓14...Re8! -1.58/21 15.Bf4 Nc4]

15.Rb1 c6 16.Ne3



Na3 -0.41/25 **17.Ra1 b4↑** Black is pushing. **18.Ne2 Nb5 19.Ng4** -2.14/23

[19.Rb1∓ -0.70/21]

19...h5-+ 20.Nh6+ Kh7 21.Qd2 -3.23/24

[⌓21.Nf5 -2.27/22 gxf5 22.Ng3]

21...d5 22.e5 Bxe5 -1.27/21

[Black should play 22...Qh4-+ -2.52/21 23.Ng3 c5]

23.Ng3∓ Qf6 Active counter play!

24.Nhf5? -4.39/24

[24.Ng4∓ -1.31/21 hxg4 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Bg5]

24...gxf5-+ 25.Rxe5 Qxe5 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Bg5 Qg7

[27...Qxb2? 28.Bf6+-]

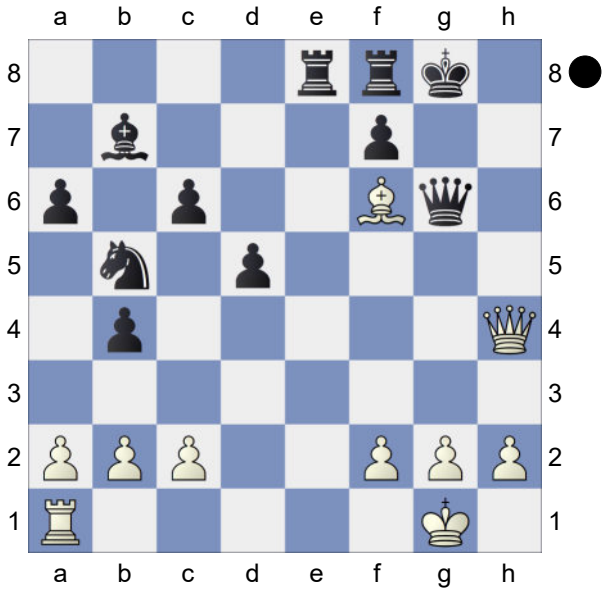
28.Qxh5 Rae8

[28...Qxb2 29.Rf1 Qh8 *(29...Qxa2 30.Bf6 Qxc2 31.Qh8#)* 30.Qd1-+]

29.Nxf5 Qg6

[29...Qxb2 30.Qg4 *(30.Nh6+ Kg7=)* 30...Qxa1+ 31.Bc1+ Kh8 32.Qh4+ Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kh7 34.Qh6+ Kg8 35.Qg5+ Kh8 36.Qh4+ Kg8

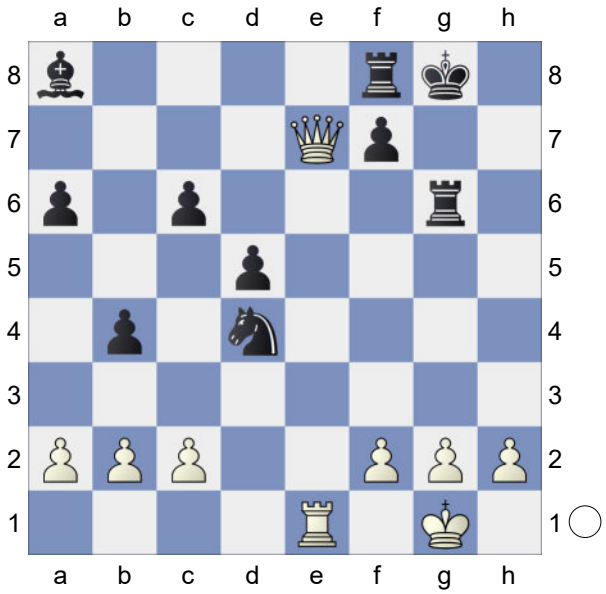
37.Qg5+=]
30.Nh6+ Kg7? -0.04/19
[30...Kh7-+ -3.11/30 31.Qh4 f6 *(31...Qxc2 32.Bf6+-)* 32.Ng4+ Kg8 *(32...Kg7? 33.Bh6+ Kf7 34.Bxf8-+)* 33.Bxf6 Kf7 34.Ne5+ Rxe5 35.Bxe5 c5 *(35...Qxc2 36.Re1=)*]
31.Nf5+!= Deflection **31...Qxf5 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Bf6** Against Re6 **33...Qh7**
[33...Qxc2 34.Qh8#]
34.Qg5+ Qg6 35.Qh4



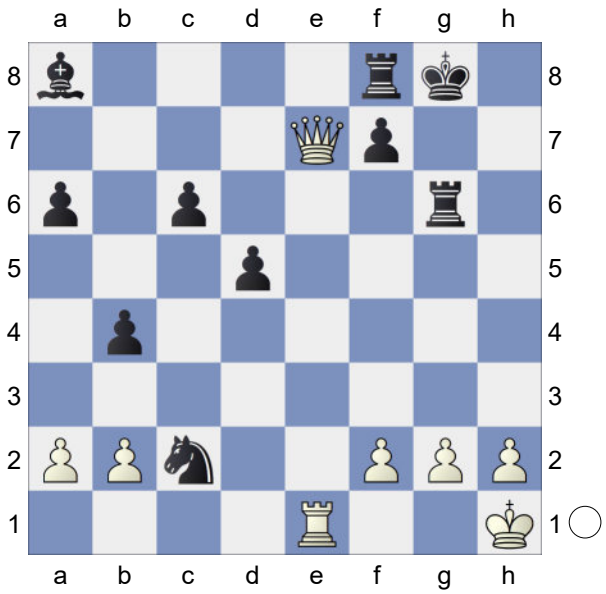
Qxf6 36.Qxf6 Re6 37.Qg5+ Rg6 38.Qe7 -1.07/23
[38.Qf4= -0.19/23]
38...Ba8? 0.86/24
[38...Nd6∓ -1.07/23 keeps the pressure on. ...d4 would now be deadly. 39.Qh4 Re8 *(39...c5 40.Re1∓)* 40.Qxb4 Re2]
39.Re1 Hoping for h4!.
[39.Qxb4 Nc7=]
39...Nd4

(Diagram)

40.Kh1 0.01/22
[40.Qxb4? Nxc2 41.Qd2 Nxe1 42.Qxe1 d4-+ *(42...c5? 43.h3-+)*]



[Better is 40.Kf1!± 0.74/24]
40...Nxc2? 3.26/27
[40...c5!= 0.01/22]



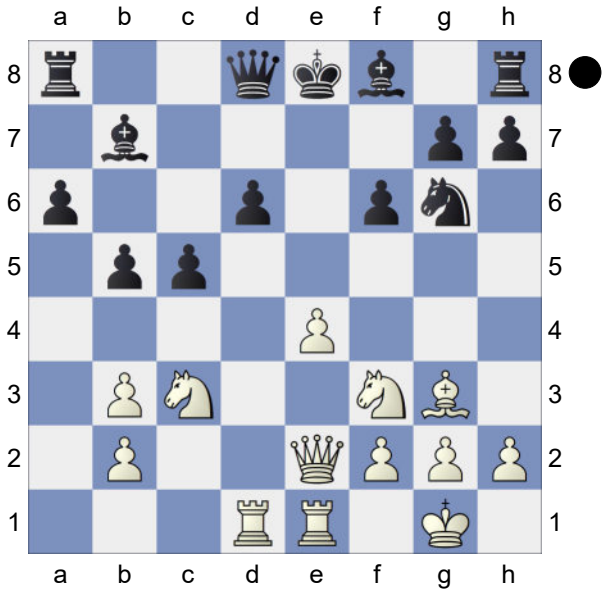
41.Re5!+- d4? 3.75/23
[41...c5 2.19/24]
42.h4? 0.01/24
[42.Rh5+- 3.75/23]
42...d3= 43.Qd7? -2.53/23
[43.Rg5= 0.09/25 d2 44.Rxg6+ Remove Defender fxg6 45.Qe6+ Kh8 46.Qe5+ *(46.Qxg6?* perishes. *d1Q+ 47.Kh2 Rxf2-+)* 46...Kg8 47.Qe6+]

43...c5!-+ 44.Qxd3 -7.24/25
[44.f3 -2.41/24 c4 45.Rc5]
44...Bxg2+
[44...Rxg2 45.f3 c4 46.Qf1=]
45.Kh2 Nd4 46.Re3 Prevents Nf3+.
46...Bc6? -3.01/21
[46...Rd8 -7.90/22 47.h5 Nf3+ 48.Rxf3 Rxd3 49.Rxd3 Rg7]
47.h5? -9.24/22
[47.Rg3 -3.01/21 Kh8 48.Rxg6 fxg6 49.Qe3]
47...Rh6 48.Rg3+ Kh8 49.Qe3 Rxh5+ 50.Rh3 Nf3+ 51.Kg2 Rg8+ 52.Rg3 Nd2+ 53.f3 Bxf3+ 54.Kf2 Rh2+ 55.Kg1 Rxg3+ 56.Kxh2
Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/ Black=0.73
56...Nf1#
0-1

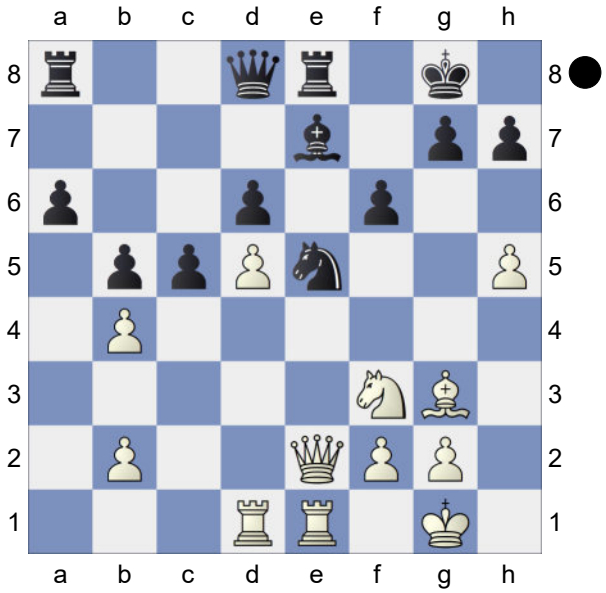
C70

□ **Fastchess2345** **2746**
■ **ForNairobi** **2718**
Blitz 04.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 White has an edge. **10.c3 dxc3** 1.24/20
[10...Bb7± 0.34/22]
11.Nxc3± Bb7N
[11...Nf6 12.Bf4 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #7]
12.Bf4 1.01/19
[White should play 12.b4 1.43/20]
12...f6 1.75/19
[12...Ne7± 1.01/19]
13.Qe2 White has strong compensation.
13...Ne7 14.Rad1 White has more active pieces. **14...Ng6 15.Bg3**



Be7 16.Nd5 0.66/21
[16.e5± 1.53/21 Bxf3 *(16...fxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5±* Pin *)* 17.Qxf3 Nxe5 *(17...fxe5 18.h4+-)* 18.Bxe5 fxe5 19.Qc6+ Kf7 20.Qd5+ Ke8 21.f4 exf4 22.Ne4 *(22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Rxd6 Ra7∓)*]
16...Bxd5± 17.exd5 -0.01/22
[17.Rxd5± 0.65/23 0-0 18.h4]
17...0-0= 18.h4 Ne5 19.h5 Re8 20.b4



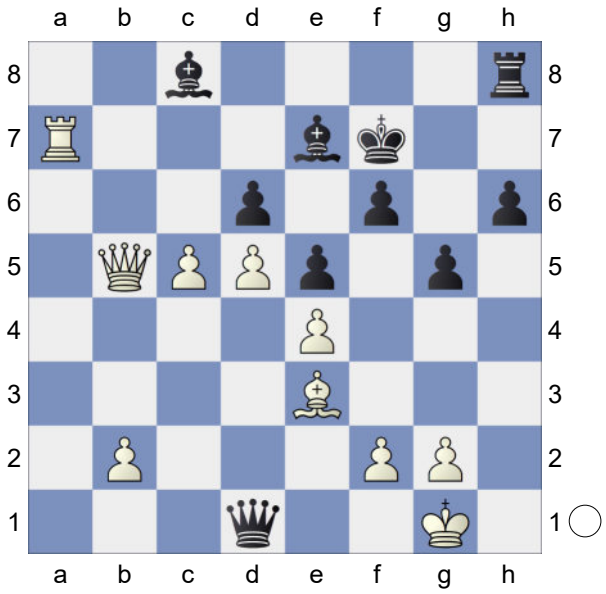
c4 21.Nd4 Strongly threatening Ne6.
21...Nd3? 6.76/22
[21...Bf8= -0.01/24]
22.Nc6?? -2.10/28
[22.Qe6++- 6.76/22 Kh8 23.Nc6 Deflection, Double Attack]
22...Qd7-+ Hoping for ...Bf8. **23.Nxe7+ Kf7 24.Rxd3** -2.46/24
[24.Qf3∓ -1.45/26 Nxe1 *(24...Rxe7 25.Re6±)* 25.Rxe1]
24...cxd3 25.Qxd3 Rxe7 26.Rxe7+ Qxe7 27.Qxh7∓ KQR-KQB **27...Re8 28.Qg6+ Kg8 29.h6 Qf7??** 33.61/27
[29...Rc8-+ -2.44/22 30.b3 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Rd1]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.72
30.h7+ Deflection
1-0

C70

□ **littleplotkin** **2745**
■ **chess_lover2020** **2787**
Blitz 25.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Inf 2/241 Inf 2/240 Inf 2/242 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.c4 Bb7** 1.30/20
[9...b4 0.84/19]
10.d5N
[10.Qe2 b4 11.Rd1 Qc8 12.Nbd2 c5 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Nf1 Ne7 15.Nh4 Qe6 16.Qd3 Nc6 17.Ne3 Nd4 18.Nd5 Bd6 19.Nf5 0-0 20.Ra5 Rae8 21.Be3 g6 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.f4 Rf7 24.fxe5 fxe5 1-0 (33) Ivkov, B-Hoen,R La Habana (ol) 1966]
[10.Nc3 Ne7 11.Qe2 c6 *(11...b4 12.Nd5 Nc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Rd1 Qc8 15.Be3 Be7 16.Nh4 0-0 17.Nf5 Rf7 18.h4 Bf8 19.h5 Nd8 20.Qg4 Kh8 21.Rd3 Ne6 22.Qh4 Qe8 23.Rad1 c5 24.h6 g6 25.Nxf6 Qc8 26.Rd7* 1-0 (37) Medina Garcia,A-Zwaig,A La Habana (ol) 1966 *)* 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Be3 Ng6 14.Rac1 b4 15.Na4 c5 16.dxc5 dxc5 17.Qd3 Rb8 18.Nb6 Be7 19.Nd5 Qc6 20.Qe2 Bd6 21.Rd3 Rc8 22.Rcd1 Bb8 23.Nd2 Qe6 24.Nf1 0-0 1-0 (36) Fischer,R-Spassky,B (2560) S.Stefan/(m/25) 55/240 1992 25.Ng3 Nf4 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Nh5 Rce8 28.Nhxf4 Bxf4 29.Nxf4 Qxe4 30.Re3 Qc6 31.Re6 Qc8 32.h4 g6 33.Re7 Rxe7 34.Qxe7 Rf7 35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.Ne6+ 1-0 Fischer,R-Johannessen, S La Habana (ol) 1966]
10...Ne7 11.Nc3 c5? 2.52/21
[11...b4± 0.89/19]
12.cxb5+- Ng6 13.h4 Be7? 3.72/22
[13...axb5 2.11/21 was necessary. 14.Rxa8 Qxa8]
14.h5 Nf8 15.Nh2 Qd7 16.bxa6 Rxa6 17.Be3 g5? 5.53/22
[17...Rxa1 2.18/20 is a better chance. 18.Qxa1 h6]
18.Qe2 Rb6 19.Ra3 Qc8? 5.52/20
[19...Ng6 3.44/21 20.hxg6 hxg6]
20.Rfa1 Nd7 21.Ng4 h6 22.Na4 A dynamic duo of knights. **22...Ra6**
23.Qc4 Kf7 24.b4 Rxa4 6.91/23
[⌓24...cxb4 4.92/20 25.Qxb4 f5]
25.Rxa4 Nb6 26.Qb5 Nxa4 27.Rxa4? 2.45/19
[27.f3 6.66/23 f5 28.exf5 Bxd5 29.Qd3 *(29.Rxa4 Qxf5 30.bxc5 Qb1+ 31.Kh2 Qc2+-; 29.Qxa4 Qxf5 30.bxc5 Kg7+-)*]
27...Qxg4 28.bxc5? -0.01/24
[28.f3+- 2.41/28 Qxh5 29.Qxb7]

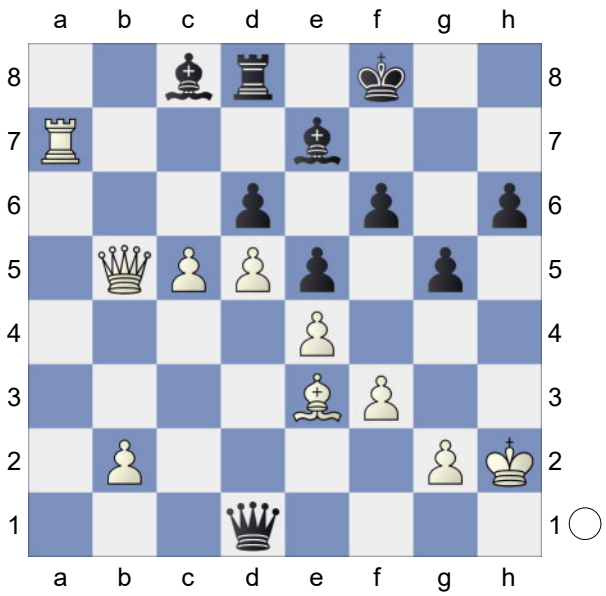
28...Qd1+= 29.Kh2 Qxh5+ 30.Kg1 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Bc8 and ...h5 would now be decisive **32.Ra7 Qh5+** 0.49/5
[32...Rd8= 0.01/26 deserves consideration.]
33.Kg1± Qd1+? 1.60/27
[Black should try 33...Rd8!= 0.01/24]



34.Kh2? -0.01/27 White is more active.
[34.Qf1!± 1.60/27 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 dxc5 36.Bxc5 *(36.d6 Ke6±)*]
34...Rd8= 35.f3 Hoping for cxd6. Dancing on a razor blade. **35...Kf8?** 4.32/23
[35...Qe1= -0.01/26 36.cxd6 Pin Qxe3 *(36...Rxd6 37.Bc5=)* 37.Rxe7+ Kg6]

(Diagram)

36.cxd6!+- Bxd6 14.34/26
[⌓36...Rxd6 4.10/24 37.Qb8 Qe1]
37.Qb6 Be7 38.Bc5 Re8 39.Rxe7 Rxe7 40.Qxf6+ Pin, Double Attack
40...Kg8 41.Bxe7 White threatens Qg6+ and mate. **41...Qc2 42.Qf8+ Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/



Black=1.09
43.Qf7+
1-0

C70

☐	**AP-2804**	**2742**
■	**lwl2014**	**2769**
Blitz		16.02.2025

[TA]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.c3N 0.08/28
[8.Re1± 0.54/25 Ne7 *(8...Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 10.c3 Bb7 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Nh4 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Bf4 cxd4 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 21.h4 Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Bg5* 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #1 *)* 9.Nxd4 c5 10.Nf5 Bxf5 11.exf5 c4 12.Nc3 cxb3 13.axb3 Nac6 14.Bf4 Ne5 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Qf3 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian

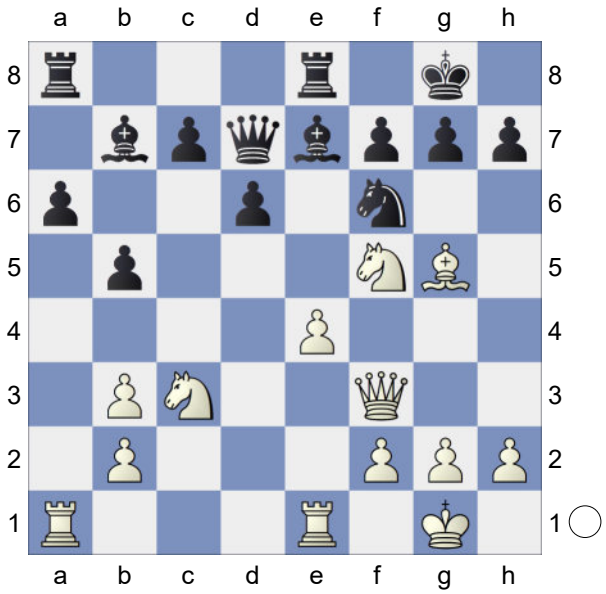
Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #4]
[8.Qxd4 Bb7 9.c4 *(9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0* Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slnchev Bryag 2008 Informant 104 [RR] *)* 9...Nxb3 10.axb3 b4 11.Bg5 f6 12.Be3 g6 13.Nbd2 Nh6 14.Rfe1 Nf7 15.c5 dxc5 16.Qc4 Bd6 17.Rac1 Qe7 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.Rxc5 0-0-0 21.Rec1 Rd7 22.Nc4 Kb8 Dodson,P-Braune,P ENG-FRG corr 1967 OM Corr 202003 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (46)]

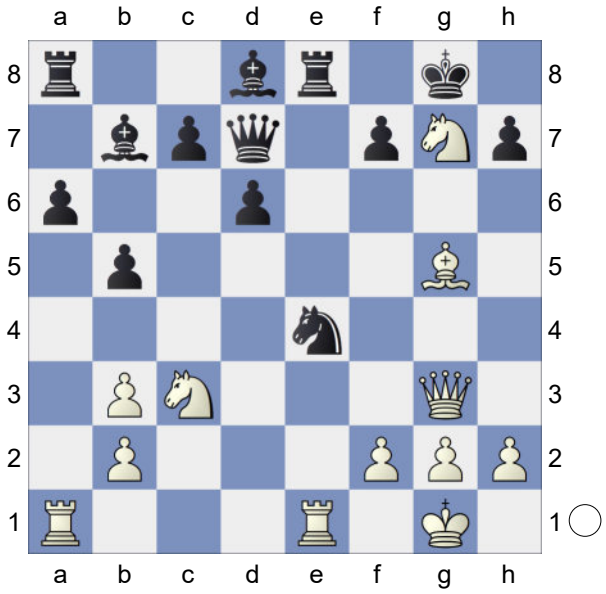
8...Nxb3= 9.axb3 dxc3 The position is equal. **10.Nxc3 Bb7 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nd4** -0.36/27
[12.Nd5= 0.19/24]
12...Nf6∓ 13.Nf5 0-0 14.Bg5 Re8 With the idea ...b4.
[14...h6!? 15.Bh4 Re8∓]
15.Qf3 -1.31/26
[15.Re3= -0.22/27 keeps the balance.]
15...Qd7? 0.21/24
[Better is 15...b4∓ -1.31/26 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bxf6 gxf6]

(Diagram)

16.Qg3 -0.63/18
[16.Bh6!= 0.21/24 Bf8 17.Bxg7 Bxg7 18.Qg3]
16...Bd8! aiming for ...b4.
[16...Nxe4? 17.Qg4 Nxg5 18.Nh6+! gxh6 19.Qxd7±]
17.Nxg7 -1.81/23 **Kxg7-+**
[17...Nxe4?

(Diagram)





18.Rxe4! Bxe4 19.Nxe8+-]
18.Bxf6+ Kxf6 19.Re3 -2.22/25
[19.Nd5+∓ -1.44/20 Bxd5 20.exd5]
19...Ke7?? 7.86/21
[19...Re6-+ -2.22/25 20.Qg8 Ke7 21.Qxh7 *(21.Rf3? Qe8-+)* 21...Qe8 22.Nd5+ Bxd5 23.exd5 Rxe3 24.fxe3 c6 25.Qe4+ Kf8 26.Qxe8+ Kxe8 27.dxc6 Bg5]
20.Qg5+ White is clearly winning.
20...Ke6 21.Qf5+ Ke7 22.Nd5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/

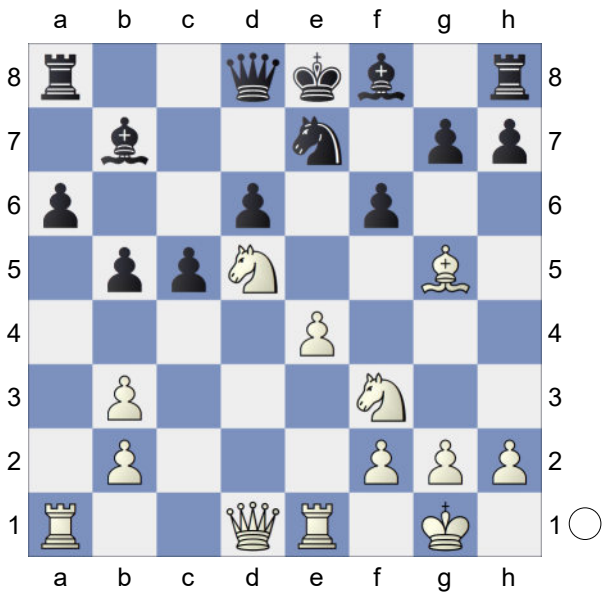
Black=0.27 (precise)
1-0

C70
□ **schaakam** **2724**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2604**
Blitz 29.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

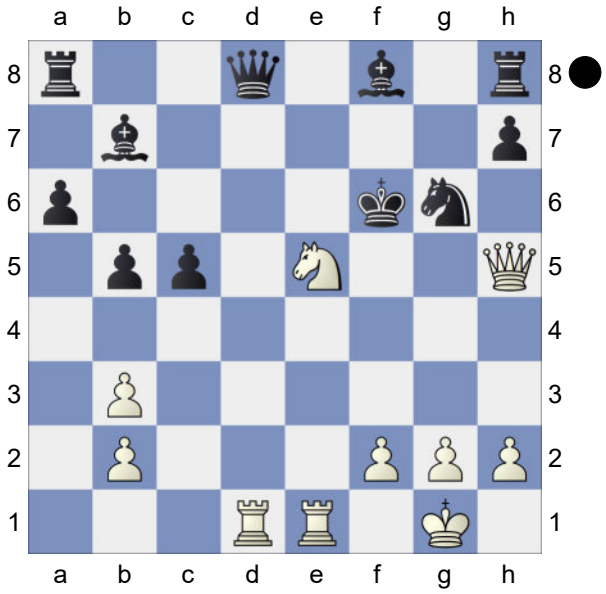
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1!
[8.Qxd4 Bb7=]
8...Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 White is slightly better. **10.c3 dxc3** 1.35/19
[10...Nf6± 0.52/21]
11.Nxc3± Threatens to win with b4!.
11...Bb7N
[11...Nf6 12.Bf4 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #7]
12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Bg5 0.05/21
[13.b4!± 1.46/20]
13...f6? 1.78/22
[13...h6!= 0.05/21 14.Be3 Bxd5 15.exd5 Kd7]

(Diagram)

14.Bxf6!+- gxf6 15.Nxf6+ Excellent horsemanship. **15...Kf7 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nxe5+?** -0.01/19
[17.Nd7+- 1.78/26 Ng6 18.Nfxe5+ Kg7 *(18...Nxe5? 19.Nxe5+ Kf6 20.Nd7+ Kf7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Qg4+ Kf7 23.Ne5+ Ke7 24.Rad1+-)* 19.Qg4]
17...Kxf6= 18.Qh5? -1.60/25
[White should try 18.Qg4= 0.01/23]

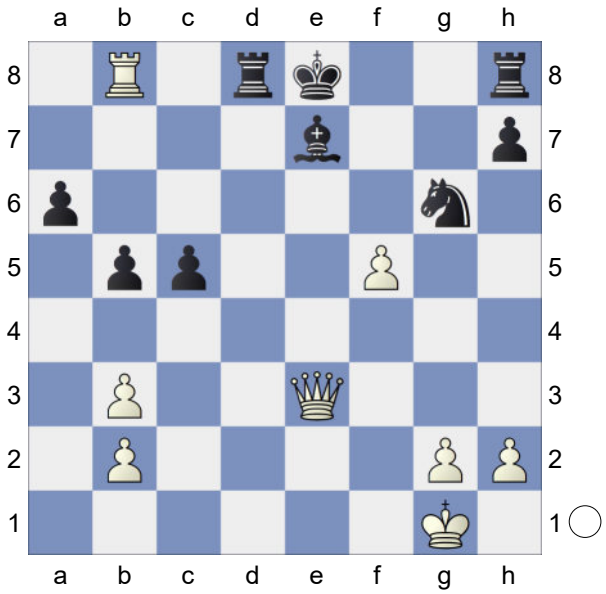


18...Ng6!∓ 19.Rad1

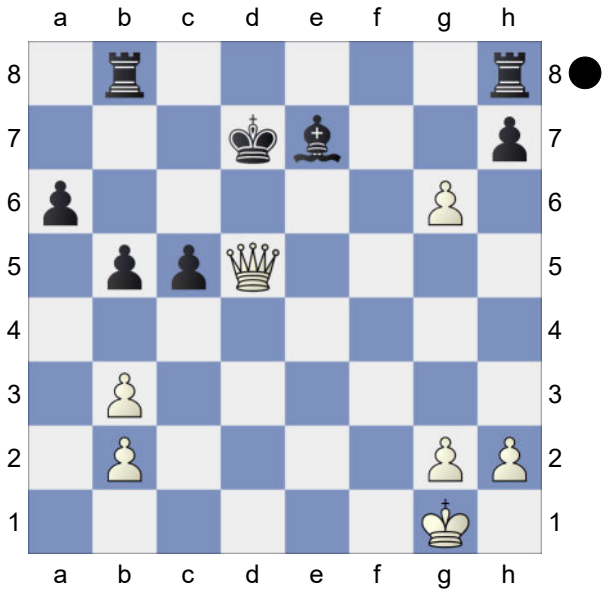


Inhibits Qd5. **19...Qxd1!!** 4.17/25
20.Rxd1+- Nxe5 21.f4 Ng6 22.Qg5+ Kf7 23.Rd7+ Be7 24.Rxb7
[24.Qf5+ Kg7±]
24...Rad8? 5.82/22
[24...Rhb8 2.87/21 25.Rc7 Ke8]
25.f5
[25.Qxc5 Rd1+ 26.Kf2 Rhd8=]
25...Ke8 26.Qe3 2.35/23
[26.Qh5 7.84/24 Rd5 27.Qf3]
26...Rd7? 7.64/24
[26...Rf8 2.35/23]

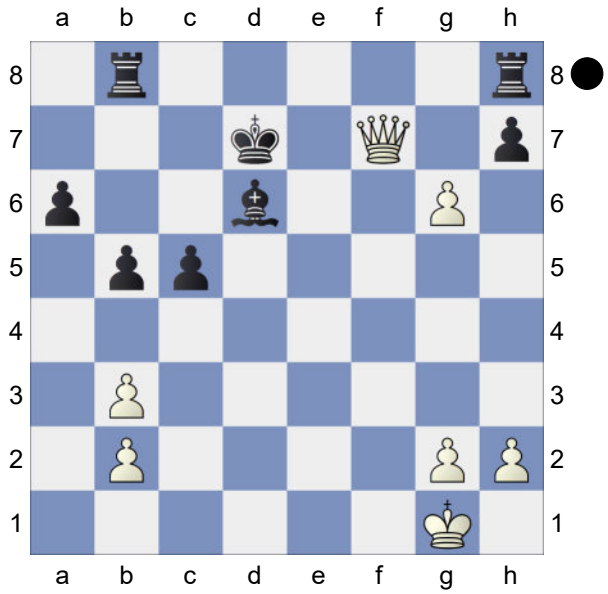
27.Rb8+ Rd8



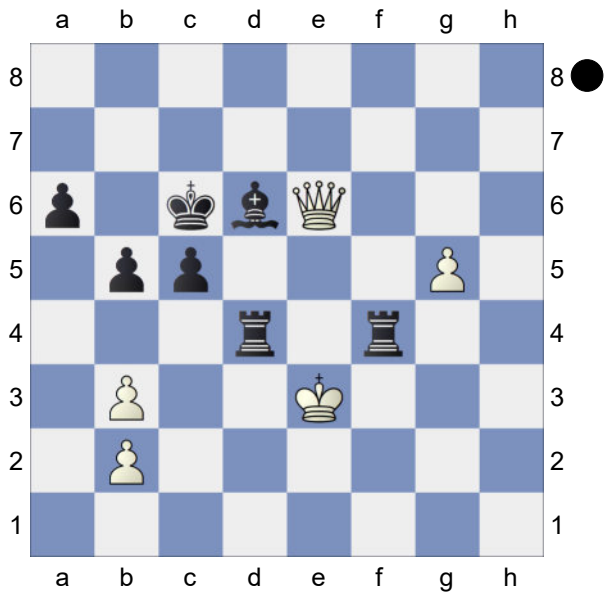
28.fxg6? 2.06/21 **Rxb8 29.Qe5?** -0.47/19
[29.g7!+- 2.05/22 Rg8 30.Qe6 Rxg7 31.Qe5 Rxg2+ 32.Kxg2]
29...Kd7∓ 30.Qd5+? -2.15/23
[30.Qf5+!∓ -0.58/20 Kc7 31.g7]



30...Bd6!-+
[30...Kc7 31.g7 Rhg8 32.Qf7]
31.Qf7+ -3.54/24
[31.gxh7 -1.86/20 was called for. Rbe8 32.Qb7+ Ke6 33.h3]



31...Kc6! 32.gxh7 Rbd8 -2.93/20
[Not 32...Rb7 33.Qf3+ Kc7 34.Qf7+ Kc6 35.Qf3+ Kc7 36.Qf7+ Kc6=]
[⌓32...Rbe8 -4.98/22 33.Qg7 Be5 34.Qg6+ Kc7 *(34...Kb7? 35.Qf7+ Kb6 36.g4-+)* 35.Qf7+ Kd6]
33.h4? -6.94/20
[33.Qg7 -2.93/20 Rde8 34.g3]
33...Rd7 34.Qg8 Rdxh7 35.Qe6 Rxh4 ...Rf8 would now be deadly. **36.Kf2 Rf8+ 37.Ke3 Rd4 38.g4 Rff4 39.g5**



Rfe4+! 40.Qxe4+ Rxe4+ 41.Kxe4 Be7

42.g6
Weighted Error Value: White=1.19/ Black=0.85
42...Bf6
0-1

		C70
☐	**Karjakin,Sergey**	**2723**
■	**Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar**	**2719**
World Blitz Moscow RUS (28)		17.11.09

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
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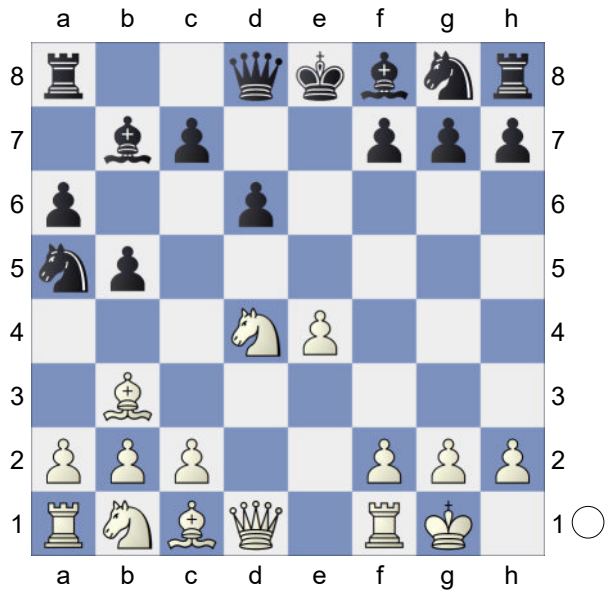
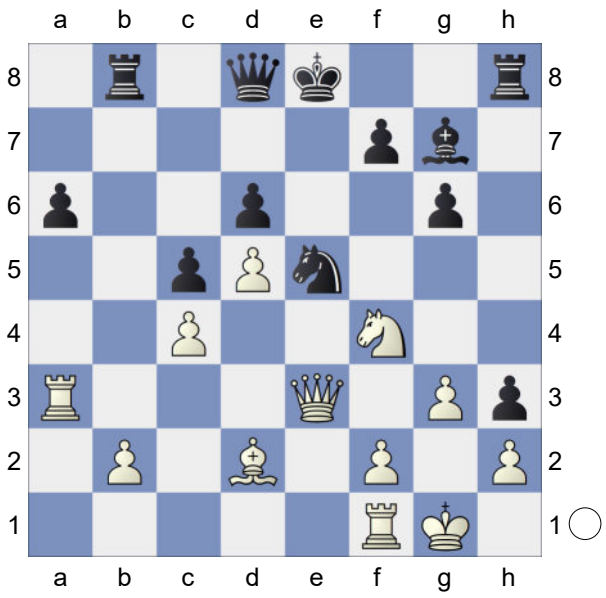


9.c4! White is more active. **9...c5 10.Nf5**
[10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bf4 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Re1 Bc8 17.Nd2 g5 18.Bg3 f5 19.f4 g4 20.Qc2 Bf6 21.Nf1 h5 22.Re2 Ra7 23.Rae1 h4 24.Bf2 Rg7 ½-½ (72) Obgolts,E (2426)-Zakhartsov,V (2513) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial op-A 2022 (4.6)]
10...g6 11.Ng3
[11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 Rxa4 ½-½ Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
11...h5N The position is equal.
[11...Bg7 12.Nc3 b4 13.Nd5 Nf6 14.Ba4+ Kf8 15.a3 Nxc4 16.Nxf6 Bxf6 17.axb4 h5 *(17...Kg7 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Qb3 Nb6 20.Nf5+ gxf5 21.Qg3+ Kf8 22.Rd1 Bd4 23.Bh6+ Ke7 24.Rxd4 Qxd4 25.Rd1 Qxd1+ 26.Bxd1 Nd7 27.exf5 Rhe8 28.Bd2 Rac8 29.f6+ Kxf6 30.Qd6+ Re6 31.Qxd7 Rce8 32.h3* 1-0 (34) Tseshkovsky,V-Kupreichik,V USSR 40/400 1985 *)* 18.Qb3 Nb6 19.bxc5 C 70/04 1997]
12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 -0.01/21
[14.Bf4± 0.46/18]
14...Nxb3= 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 -0.27/23
[⌓16.Bf4 0.29/20]
16...Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 -0.38/20
[Better is 21.g4= 0.24/21]
21...Rb8 -0.01/22
[21...Ne5∓ -0.38/20 feels stronger.]
22.Qe3+ Ne5

(Diagram)

23.b3 -0.64/24
[23.Bc3= -0.12/23]
23...0-0? 1.22/22
[23...Qc8∓ -0.64/24 keeps the upper hand.]
24.Nxh3±



[24.Rxa6 Re8 25.Qc3 *(25.Nxh3? Qc8-+)* 25...Qd7-+]

24...Re8 Strongly threatening ...Nxc4!.

25.Qf4 0.94/22

[25.Rxa6? Qc8 26.Ng5 Qxa6-+]

[⌓25.Qe4 1.51/23]

25...Qd7 1.87/22

[25...Nd3± 0.94/22 26.Qf3 Bb2]

26.Kg2 1.40/21

[26.Ng5+- 1.87/22]

26...Nd3 1.81/24

[26...Rb6± 1.40/21]

27.Qf3+- Ne5 1.74/19

[27...Bb2± 0.80/21 is a better defense. 28.Ra2 *(28.Rxa6 Rxb3 29.Qd1 Rbb8±)* 28...Ne5]

28.Qd1 Qf5 Prevents Ng5 **29.Re1**

[29.Rxa6 Qe4+ 30.f3 Qd3=]

29...f6? 4.16/20

[29...Rf8± 1.60/19 30.f3 *(30.Rxa6 Nd3±)* 30...Nd3]

30.Nf4 Bh6 31.Ne6 -0.01/22

[31.Rxa6+- 3.32/21 Bxf4 32.Bxf4]

31...Bxd2= 32.Qxd2 Nf3 Inhibits f4.

33.Qe3 Nxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Rb6 35.Qe3 g5 36.Qd2? -1.73/22

[36.h3= 0.01/26]

36...Reb8? -0.01/27

[36...Qe4+-+ -1.73/22 37.f3 Qg6]

37.Qe3 Re8

[37...g4 keeps more tension. 38.Qh6 Qe4+ 39.Kf1 Qd3+]

38.Qe1 Reb8 39.Qe3 Qe5? 4.81/22

[39...g4= -0.01/26]

40.Qf3 1.98/21

[⌓40.Qd3 4.81/22 R6b7 41.b4 *(41.Rxa6 Kh8±)*]

40...f5? 7.01/20

[40...R6b7 1.98/21 41.b4 *(41.Rxa6 Rxb3 42.Qg4 R3b7±)* 41...cxb4 *(41...Rxb4? 42.Re3+-)*]

41.Qh5 Qe4+ 42.Kg1? -0.01/43

[42.Kh3+- 5.57/28 White threatens Qg6+ and mate. Qg4+ 43.Qxg4 fxg4+ 44.Kxg4]

42...Qe1+ 43.Kg2 Some like it hot

43...Qe4+ 44.Kh3 Qg4+ 45.Qxg4 fxg4+ 46.Kxg4 Rxb3 47.Rxa6+- Endgame KRR-KRN **47...R3b4?** 8.43/24

[47...R3b6 3.96/23]

48.Rxd6 White is clearly winning.

[48.Kxg5 R4b6 49.Rxb6 Rxb6±]

48...Rxc4+ 49.Kxg5 Rc2 50.f4 c4 51.Rc6 c3 52.d6 Threatens to win with d7. **52...Kf7 53.f5**

[53.d7 Ke7+-]

53...Rd2 54.Rc7+

[Weaker is 54.Rxc3 Rg8+ 55.Kf4 Kf6+-]

54...Kg8 55.d7

[55.Rxc3 Rxd6 56.Rc7 Rdb6 57.Rg7+ Kh8+-]

55...c2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.82

56.d8Q+

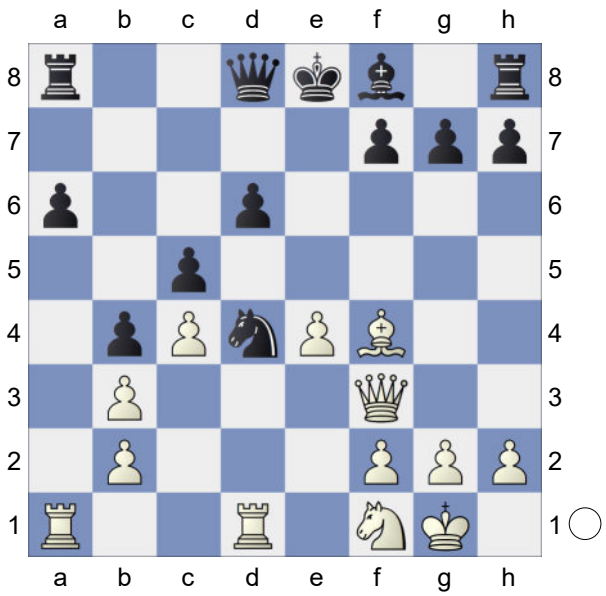
1-0

C70

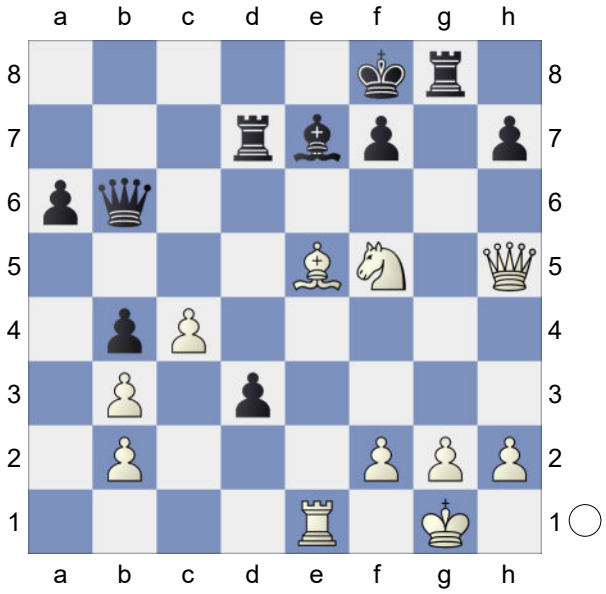
□ **Marosi,Gyorgy** **2719**
■ **Sethuraman,Sethuraman** **2787**
Deutschland 71/383 (6) 08.11.2008
[Fraser #60]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0
[6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Nxe5+ Ke7]
6...d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4 0.24/23
[8.Re1⩲ 0.60/22]
8...Ne7
[8...c5? 4.04/21 8...Bb7 0.05 9.Bxf7+! Kxf7 10.Qd5+ Be6? 5.80/20 *(10...Ke8* 3.57/20 *11.Qxa8 h6)* 11.Ng5+]
[8...Bb7 9.c4 -0.01/21 *(9.Bd5⩲* 0.44/22*; 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0* Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slanchev Bryag 104/(75) 2008 *)* 9...c5 10.Qd3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.cxb5 0-0 13.Ba4 Qb6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Rfb8 16.Bc2 axb5 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Rfe1 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rd8 22.f4 g6 23.fxe5 Bg7 24.e6 Rd4 1-0 Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2739)-Sethu Sethuraman,S (2755) 90/(223) Camaguey 2004]
9.Qd3N
[9.Qc3]
[9.c4 Be6 10.Nbd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 b4 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Qe3 Be7 14.Nf1 0-0 15.h3 Qe8 16.N3h2 f5 17.f4 Bf6 18.Nf3 Qg6 19.e5 dxe5 20.Qc5 Qe8 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Be7 23.Qf2 f4 0-1 (36) Stoeckigt,R-Bader, H DDR-ch6 corr7172 1971]
9...c5 White has an edge.
[9...Nxb3]
10.c4 Be6!
[10...Nxc4 0.64/20 10...Be6 0.28 11.Bxc4 0.20/22 *(11.Nc3⩲* 0.64/20 *)* 11...bxc4= 12.Qxc4 Be6 13.Qe2 Ng6! 14.Nc3 Be7 Against Ng5 15.Be3 0-0 16.Rad1]
11.Nbd2
[11.Na3]
[11.cxb5? -1.37/23 11.Na3 0.42 c4]
[11.cxb5 c4 12.Qd1 cxb3-+]
11...Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 1.10/22
[12...Nc6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.Qxb5 -0.20/23 *(15.Ng5!; 15.Ng5⩲* 0.42/25 *)* 15...Be7]
[12...Nc6= 0.29/25]
13.Rd1 0.54/21
[13.Ng5 Nc6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.e5 Nxe5 1.01/24 *(15...dxe5⩲* 0.54/23 feels stronger. *16.Qf3 Qc7)* 16.Qe4!]
[13.Ng5⩲ 1.10/22]
13...Nc6 1.40/22
[13...Ng6 14.Nf1]
[13...Ng6!⩲ 0.54/21]
14.Nf1⩲ Bg4 2.57/20
[14...Be7 2.10/23 14...Ra7 1.41 15.Bf4 0-0 2.64/20 *(15...g5⩲* 1.44/21 *)* 16.Bxd6+- *(16.Ne3)* 16...Bg4 17.Bxe7? 0.87/22 *(17.e5!+-* 2.54/21 and the rest is easy. *)* 17...Qxe7⩲ 18.Qd6]
[14...Ra7⩲ 1.16/23]
15.Bf4+- Bxf3 3.20/25
[⌓15...Be7 2.09/20 16.Qd5 *(16.Bxd6 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nd4⩲)* 16...Rc8]
16.Qxf3
[16.gxf3 Nd4⩲]
16...Nd4
[16...Be7? 5.26/22 16...Nd4 2.14 17.e5]

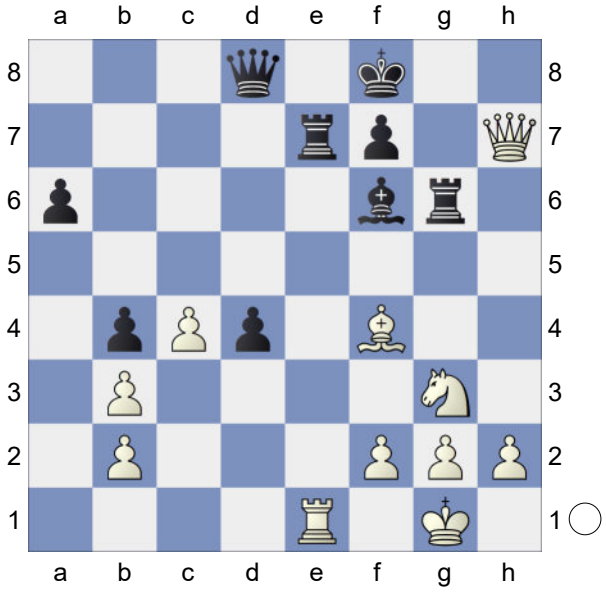
(Diagram)



17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8 Wards off Qc6+
[18...dxe5? 9.96/22 18...Rc8 2.57 19.Qc6+ Ke7 20.Bxe5 f6 21.Bc7 Qc8 22.Ng3]
19.Re1
[19.Rxa6 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Qd7±]
19...dxe5
[19...d5? 6.76/20 19...dxe5 3.42 20.e6 f6 21.Ng3 dxc4 22.Nf5]
20.Bxe5 Be7 21.Bxg7 Black is weak on the light squares
[21.Qg4 2.25/23 21.Bxg7 3.82]
[21.Qg3]
21...Rg8 22.Bf6 2.04/21
[⌓22.Qf6 3.79/21]
22...Rc7 23.Ng3? 0.01/21
[23.Be5 Rd7? 3.88/21 *(23...Ra7* 1.63/19 *24.Qd3 Rg6)* 24.c5!]
[23.Be5+- 2.44/22]
23...Kf8? 2.24/22
[23...d3 24.Re4 -1.46/24 *(24.Be5=* 0.04/25 *d2 25.Rd1)* 24...d2∓ 25.Qd1]
[23...d3= 0.01/21 24.Bxe7 Rxe7 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26.Qe3+ Kf6]
24.Be5 Rd7 25.Qh5!↑ Black is under strong pressure. **25...d3?** 8.47/24
[25...Qb6? 3.70/23 25...Rg6 1.90 26.Bf4 *(26.Nf5?* 1.25/22 26.Bf4 3.53 *d3*



Strongly threatening ...d2. *27.Bf4! d2 28.Bh6+ Ke8 29.Bxd2!)*]
[25...Rg6 26.Qxh7 Bf6 Wards off Qh8+ 27.Bf4 Re7

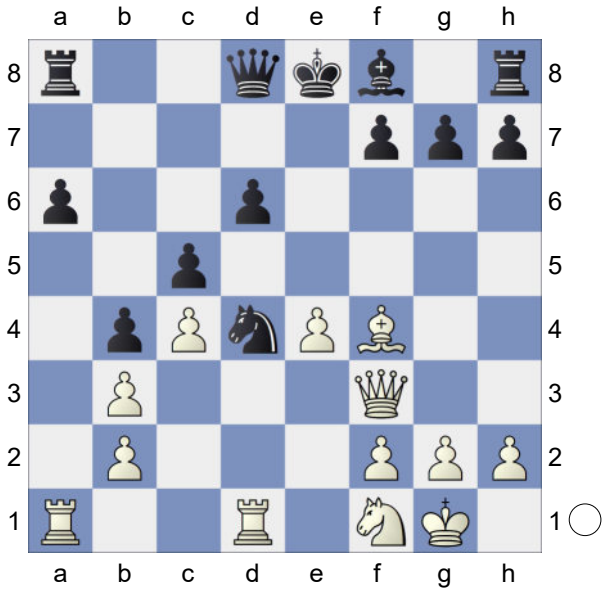


28.Rd1! and Nf5 should not be overlooked d3 2.66/21 *(28...Qd7* 1.75/22 was called for. *)* 29.Nf5]
[25...Rg6 1.72/23]
26.Qh6+
[Not 26.Qxh7 Qb6±]

26...Ke8 27.Qxh7 Rf8 28.Nh5 Qa5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nxd7 Kxd7 31.Qxd3+ Kc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.92
32.Qf5+
1-0

C70
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2719**
■ **Morozevich,Alexander 2787**
Wch Blitz 3th (6) 08.11.2008
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4
8.Qxd4 0.15/21
[8.Nxd4± 0.54/22 Bb7 9.c4]
8...Ne7 0.53/21
[8...Bb7= 0.15/21 9.c4 *(9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0* Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slanchev Bryag 104/(75) 2008 *)* 9...c5 10.Qd3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.cxb5 0-0 13.Ba4 Qb6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Rfb8 16.Bc2 axb5 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Rfe1 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rd8 22.f4 g6 23.fxe5 Bg7 1-0 (25) Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2739)-Sethuraman,S (2755) 90/(223) Camaguey 2004 24.e6 Rd4 25.e7+ Ke8 1-0 Shirov,A (2739)-Morozevich,A (2755) Moscow (m/2-blitz) 104/75 2007]
9.Qd3N
[9.c4 Be6 10.Nbd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 b4 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Qe3 Be7 14.Nf1 0-0 15.h3 Qe8 16.N3h2 f5 17.f4 Bf6 18.Nf3 Qg6 19.e5 dxe5 20.Qc5 Qe8 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Be7 23.Qf2 f4 0-1 (36) Stoeckigt,R-Bader, H DDR-ch6 corr7172 1971]
9...c5 White is slightly better. **10.c4 Be6** 0.69/20
[⌓10...Nxc4 0.32/19 11.Bxc4 bxc4 12.Qxc4 Ng6]
11.Nbd2 0.20/25
[11.cxb5 c4 12.Qe2 cxb3∓]
[11.Na3± 0.69/20 deserves consideration.]
11...Nxb3= 12.axb3 b4 1.06/23
[12...Nc6= 0.20/24]
13.Rd1 Nc6 1.39/23
[⌓13...Ng6 0.75/22]
14.Nf1± Bg4 2.30/21
[14...a5± 1.33/22 keeps fighting.]
15.Bf4+- Bxf3 3.70/24
[⌓15...Be7 2.21/21 16.Qd5 *(16.Bxd6 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nd4±)* 16...Rc8 17.Rxa6 Bxf3]
16.Qxf3 Strongly threatening e5!.
[16.gxf3 Nd4±]
16...Nd4



17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8

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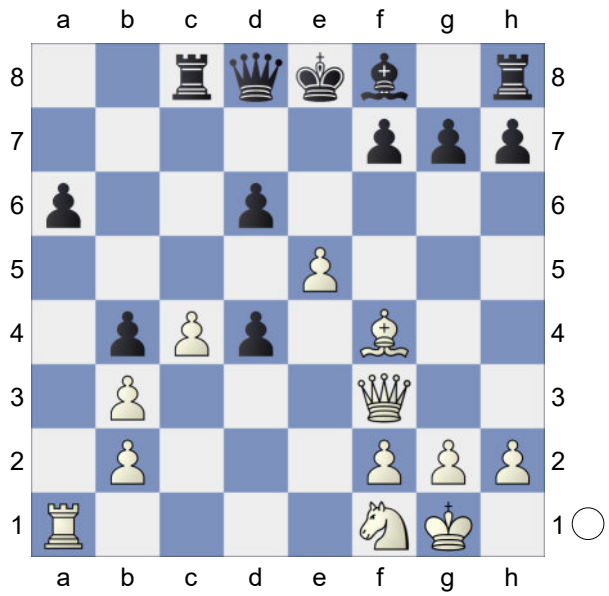


Dodges Qc6+ **19.Re1**
[19.Rxa6 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Qd7±]
19...dxe5 20.Bxe5 Be7 And now ...0-0 would win. **21.Bxg7** Black is weak on the light squares **21...Rg8 22.Bf6** 1.73/22
[⌓22.Qf6 3.28/22]
22...Rc7 23.Ng3? 0.29/22
[23.Be5+- 2.02/21 Rc5 24.Qh5]
23...Kf8? 1.86/23
[23...d3= 0.29/22 24.Nh5 Rg6]
24.Be5↑ White is really pushing.
24...Rd7 25.Qh5 d3? 8.70/24
[25...Rg6± 1.23/21]
26.Qh6+
[Less strong is 26.Qxh7 Qb6±]
26...Ke8 27.Qxh7 Rf8 28.Nh5 Qa5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nxd7 Kxd7 31.Qxd3+ Kc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.83
32.Qf5+
1-0

C70
□ **Gelfand,Boris** **2714**
■ **Vallejo Pons,Francisco** **2666**
ARM-ROW m Moscow (3) 12.06.2004
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4
[6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Nxe5+ Ke7 8.d4 d6 9.Bg5+ Nf6 10.Nd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Bg4 13.f3 Bh5 14.0-0 Kf7 15.Qe1 Nc4 0-1 Michniewski,T-Staniszewski,P/Warsaw 1997/ (36) 16.b3 Nb6 17.f4 Kg8 18.Nd2 Rh7]
[6.0-0]
6...Nxb3
[6...exd4 7.Qxd4 Ne7 8.c3 *(8.0-0 Nxb3 9.axb3 Bb7* 1-0 Kasparov,G-Timman,J/Hilversum 1985/ (35) *10.Nc3)* 8...Nxb3 9.axb3 Bb7]
7.axb3 exd4 8.Qxd4 Bb7N
[8...Ne7 9.0-0 1-0 Agdestein,S-Hellers,F/Gausdal 1987/ (41) Nc6 10.Qd5 *(10.Qd3)* 10...Bb7 11.Rd1 *(11.Nc3 Be7 12.Rd1 d6 13.Bf4 Qc8 14.Qh5 0-0 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 f6 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Re1 Ne5 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Qe2 c6 21.Nc3 Bb6 22.Rcd1 Rad8 23.Rd2 Rfe8 24.Nf5 Qe6 25.Red1 d5* ½-½ (29) Jovcic,M-Brat,V CCOL3 fin-04 1958 *)* 11...Be7 12.c4 0-0 13.Nc3 -1.23/26 1-0 Neurohr,S-Miles,A/Metz 1988/ (34) *(13.cxb5=* -0.09/25 *Na5 14.Qd3 axb5 15.Bf4)* 13...Na5∓ 14.Qxd7 -2.19/27 *(14.Qf5∓* -1.08/26 *Nxb3 15.Rb1)* 14...Nxb3 -0.93/28 *(14...Qxd7-+* -2.19/27 and Black stays clearly on top. *15.Rxd7 Nxb3 16.Rxc7 Nxa1 17.Rxe7 Bc6)* 15.Rb1? -3.76/26 *(15.Qf5; 15.Qg4∓*

-0.93/28 *Qc8 16.Qxc8 Rfxc8 17.Ra2)* 15...Qxd7-+ 16.Rxd7 Bd6]
[8...d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe4+ 23.Kf1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2)]

9.Bg5 Against Qf6
[9.Nc3]

9...f6 10.Bf4 Ne7 White is slightly better. **11.Nc3 Nc6**
[11...Ng6 12.Bg3 0-1 Plaskett,J-Short,N/Brighton 1984/ (41) Be7 13.Nd5 d6 14.0-0 0-0 15.Rad1 f5 16.exf5! Rxf5 17.Qe4 Rxd5 18.Rxd5 Qe6+ is the strong threat. Kh8 19.Qd3 Bxd5 20.Qxd5]
[11...d5? 2.04/25 11...Nc6 0.44 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.0-0-0]

12.Qe3
[12.Qd5 is more complex. Bb4 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Nd4]

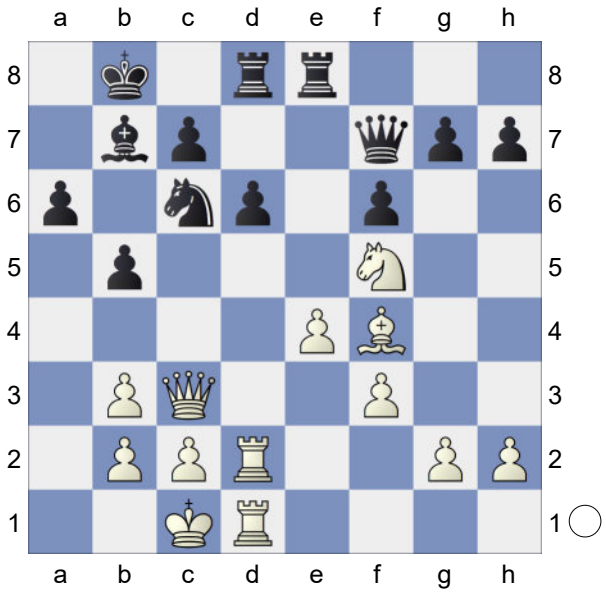
12...Bb4 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 The whole line is very interesting, for the pawn white gets very active pieces and chances to attack the black king. **14.Qxc3 d6 15.Nh4 Qd7**
[15...b4 1.34/24 15...0-0 -0.10 16.Qc4! g5? 7.74/28 *(16...Qd7±* 1.27/23 *)* 17.Bxd6!+- White threatens Qe6+ and mate. cxd6 18.Nf5]
[15...g5 16.Bxg5 b4 17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Bxf6±]

16.Nf5 0-0-0 0.62/25
[Better is 16...0-0!= -0.01/22]

17.Rd2 Kb8 0.96/28
[17...g6± 0.53/24 is superior. 18.Ne3 f5]

18.Rhd1 0.53/25
[18.Nxd6!± 0.96/28 Qe7 *(18...cxd6? 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Bxd6+ Rxd6 21.Qg3±)* 19.Nxb7 Kxb7 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Re1]

18...Qf7± 19.f3 Rhe8 1.32/23
[19...Ne5 1.48/25 19...Rd7 0.67]
[19...Rhg8± 0.58/23]



20.Bxd6!± cxd6 21.Nxd6 Qe6 2.94/28
[21...Rxd6 22.Rxd6 Rc8 2.71/27 *(22...Kc7±* 1.49/27 *23.Qc5 Re5)* 23.Rd7]
[21...Rxd6± 1.14/29 22.Rxd6 Rc8]

22.Nxe8+- Rxd2 23.Qxd2 Gelfand has lost control of the position, the rook retreat is pretty poor in many respects.

23...Qxe8 24.Qd6+
[24.Qd7 Qg6]

24...Kc8
[24...Ka7? 7.84/23 24...Kc8 1.70 25.Qc7]

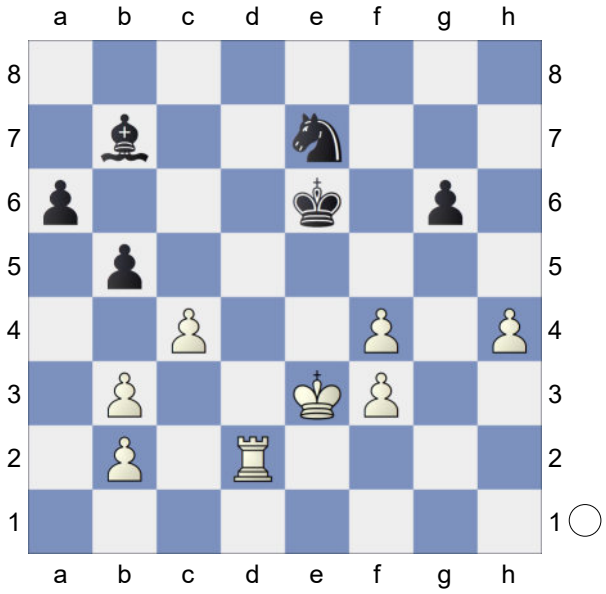
25.Qg3! Qg6 26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.Kd2
[27.h4]

27...Kd7
[27...g5 2.63/25 27...Kd8 1.61 28.Ke3]

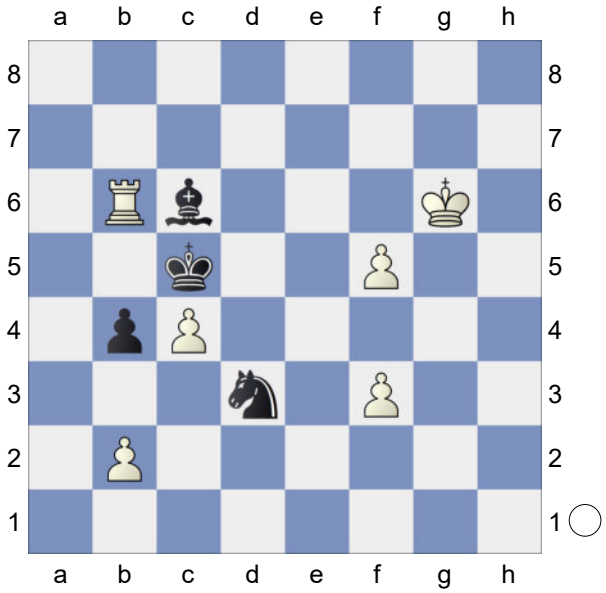
28.Ke3+ Ke6 29.h4 Ke7= 30.Ra1?
[30.c3? 0.14/22 30.Ra1 1.90 Na5!]

30...Nb4 31.Kd2 f5? 4.41/26

[31...Nc6 1.93/23 32.Ke3 Bc8]
32.exf5+- gxf5 33.Re1+ Kf7
[33...Kf6± 34.Re8]
34.Re5
[34.c4]
34...g6 5.31/26
[⌓34...Bc8 3.70/23 35.Rc5 Be6]
35.Rc5 Nc6-+ 36.Ke3 Kf6 37.Rd5
[37.Kf4? 1.06/28 37.Rd5 3.63 Nd4]
[37.c4 f4+ 38.Kd2 *(38.Kxf4 Nd4∓)* 38...b4±]
37...Ke6± Dodges Rd6+ **38.Rd2 Ke5**
39.g3 Ne7 4.53/26
[39...f4+ 3.09/25 might work better. 40.gxf4+ Ke6]
40.c4 f4+ 41.gxf4+ Ke6



42.Rd8? 0.57/24
[42.Kd4!+- 2.98/25]
42...Nf5+± 43.Kf2 Nxh4 44.Rb8 Bc6∓ 45.Rb6 Kd6 46.Rxa6 b4 47.Kg3 0.46/24
[White should try 47.Ra1± 0.87/26]
47...Nf5+± 48.Kg4 Nd4 49.Kg5 Nxb3? 5.66/26
[49...Ne6+! 50.Kxg6 Nxf4+ 51.Kf5±]
[49...Ne6+!± 0.41/28 50.Kxg6 Nxf4+ 51.Kf5 Nd3]
50.Kxg6+- White is clearly winning.
50...Nd2
[50...Nc5 51.Rb6± Nd3 52.f5 Kc5 12.95/23 *(⌓52...Nxb2* 5.16/23 *53.Rxb4 Nd3)*



53.Rxc6+!+- Kxc6 54.f6 Ne5+ 55.Kg7 b3 56.f7±]
51.f5 Nxc4 52.f6 Ne5+ 53.Kg7= b3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.56
54.f4∓ Loss on time!?
0-1

C70
□ **KhatanbaatarGM** **2712**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2658**
Blitz 24.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Qg5
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2

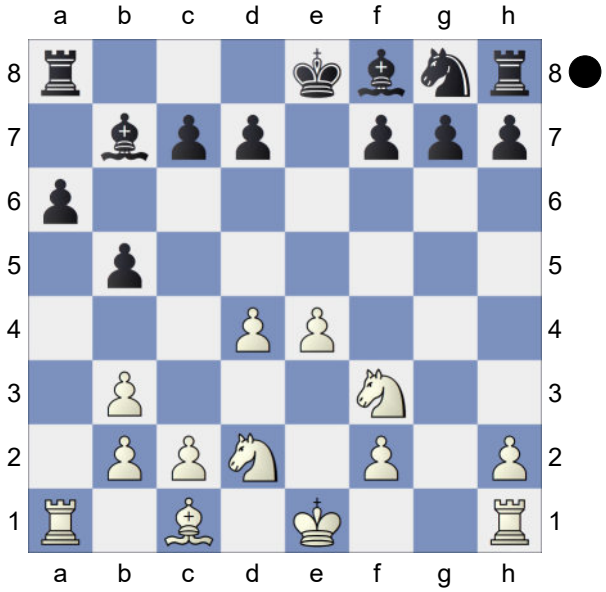
Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]

8.d4N -1.18/22

[8.Nf3± 0.37/19 keeps the upper hand. Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 10.Rg3 *(10.Nc3 Bb7 11.d4 d6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bf4 Bg7* C 70/04 1997 *)* 10...Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 *(12...g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 25.Rga1 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Rb7 27.Ra4* 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7) *)* 13.Be3 g6 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.Ra2 c6 16.Qa1 Kc7 17.Rxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Rc8 19.Ndxb5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+ Ke7 21.Nd5+ 1-0 Da Silvo Filho-Franke,J Tele-sim Tal-AUS [Tal 1974]

8...Qxg2∓ 9.Qf3 Qxf3 Black is better.

10.Nxf3 Bb7 11.Nbd2



f5! 12.e5 d6 -0.23/22

[12...g5∓ -1.25/19 13.0-0 Ne7]

13.Rg1 -0.67/20

[13.0-0= -0.23/22]

13...dxe5 14.Nxe5 Nf6 15.Ndf3 g6 0.01/20

[15...0-0-0∓ -0.36/20]

16.c3 -0.50/20

[16.c4= 0.01/20]

16...Bd6∓ 17.b4 0-0-0 0.01/21

[17...0-0!∓ -0.63/19]

18.Bg5= Rhf8 0.52/22

[18...Rdf8!= 0.11/22 is more appropriate.]

19.0-0-0 -0.42/23

[19.Nd2!± 0.52/22]

19...Rde8∓ 20.Rge1? -3.15/23

[Better is 20.Bxf6∓ -0.48/21 Bxf3 *(20...Rxf6? 21.Rde1-+)* 21.Nxf3 Rxf6 22.Kb1]

20...Ne4? -0.90/23

[20...Bxf3-+ -3.15/23 21.Nxf3 Ng4]

21.Bh4∓ Bd5 -0.67/23

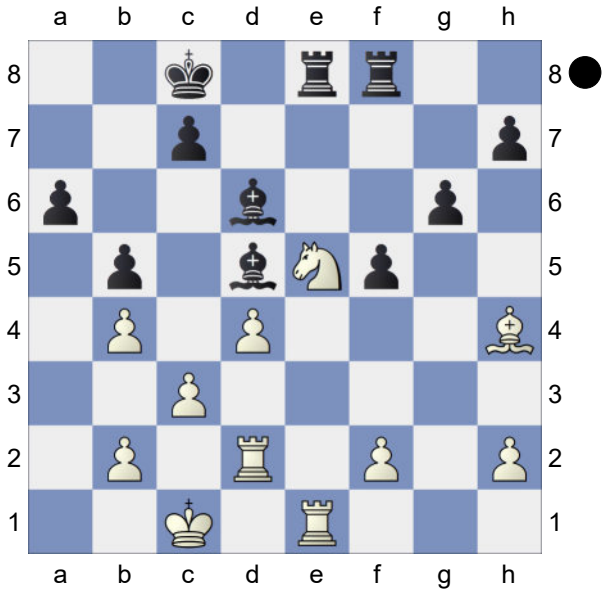
[Black should play 21...Rg8∓ -1.18/24 22.Ng5 Bd5]

22.Nd2 Nxd2 -0.11/23

[22...g5∓ -0.92/25 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Bxg5 Rxf2]

23.Rxd2 -1.23/23

[23.Kxd2= -0.11/23 f4 24.Bg5]

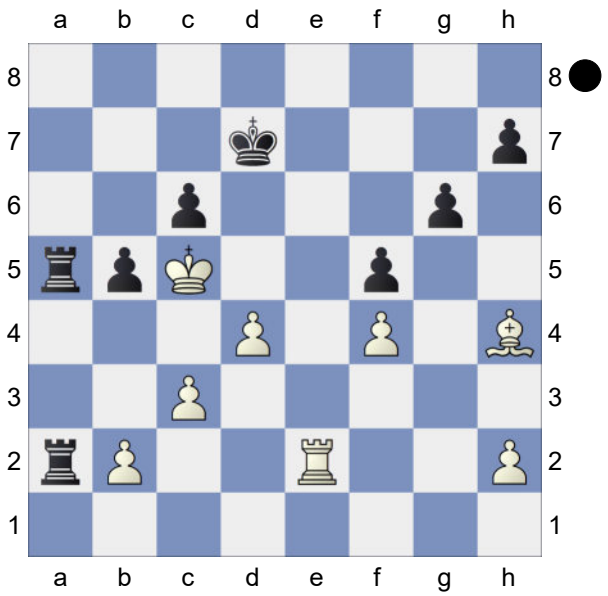


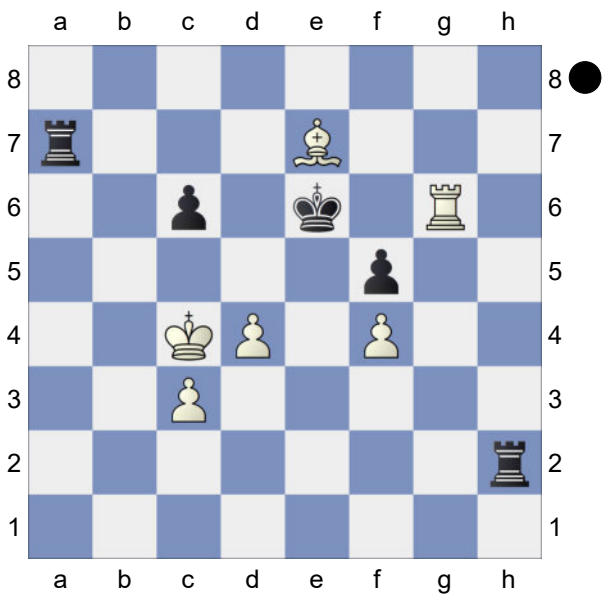
23...Kb7 -0.28/21
[23...f4!∓ -1.23/23 Strongly threatening ...Rf5. 24.Bg5 Rf5]
24.f4 -0.92/21
[24.Rde2= -0.28/21 remains equal.]
24...Be4 -0.51/25
[24...Ra8∓ -0.92/21]
25.Rde2 Rg8 -0.01/21
[25...Ra8∓ -0.76/23]
26.Kd2= Ra8 27.Bg3 -0.97/21
[27.Ra1= -0.10/21]
27...a5∓ 28.bxa5 Rxa5 29.Nd3 Ra2 Black is more active. White is weak on the light squares **30.Kc2** -2.07/21
[30.Bh4∓ -1.09/21]
30...Kc6 31.Kb3 -2.79/24
[31.Kd2 -1.83/21 might work better.]
31...Rga8 -1.17/21
[31...Bxd3-+ -2.79/24 32.Kxa2 Bxe2 33.Rxe2 Kd5]
32.Nb4+ -1.57/25
[⌓32.Re3 -1.17/21]
32...Bxb4 33.Kxb4?? -6.02/25
[33.cxb4∓ -1.40/24 Kd7 34.Kc3]
33...Bd5-+ 34.Re6+ Bxe6 35.Rxe6+ Endgame KRR-KRB **35...Kd7 36.Re2 c6 37.Kc5 R8a5?** -0.77/24
[37...R8a4-+ -5.71/24 has better winning chances. 38.Bh4 Rc4+ 39.Kb6 b4 40.Re7+ Kd6]
38.Bh4∓

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent Re7+. **38...b4+!** Decoy **39.Kxb4 Rb5+** Skewer **40.Kc4 Rbxb2**
[40...Raxb2 41.Re7+ Kc8 42.h3∓]
41.Re7+ Kd6 Black continues to play with concentration. **42.Rxh7 Rxh2 43.Be7+ Ke6 44.Rg7 Ra7 45.Rxg6+**

(Diagram)





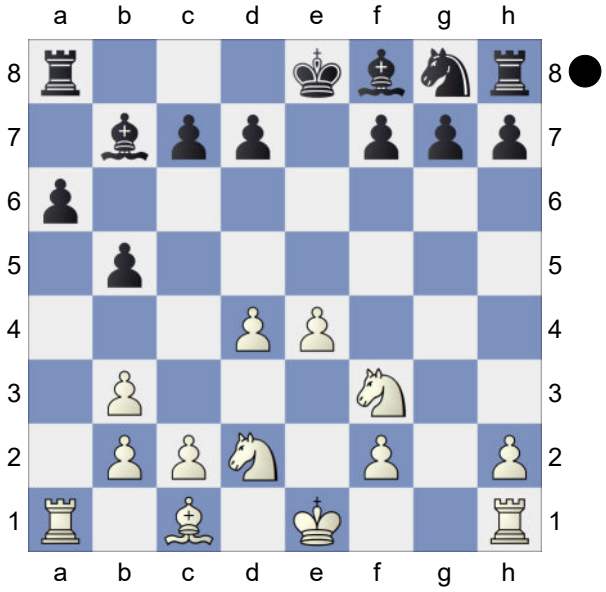
Kf7!
[Don't play 45...Kxe7?! 46.Rg7+ *(46.Rxc6?* loses. *Rh4-+)* 46...Kd6 47.Rxa7±]
46.Rf6+ -5.87/25
[46.Bc5∓ -0.81/27 keeps fishing. Ra4+ 47.Kb3 Rxd4 48.Rxc6 Rxf4 49.Bd6]
46...Kxe7-+ 47.Rxf5 Ra4+ 48.Kb3 Ra1 49.Rc5 Kd6 50.Rf5 Rh3 51.Rf6+ Kc7 52.Rf5 Rc1 53.Rc5 Kb6 54.f5 Rf3 55.Kb4 Rcf1 56.Re5 Rxf5 57.Re6 Rc1 58.c4 Rf3 (-> ...Rb1+) **59.d5**

Rb1+ 60.Ka4 Rf2 Black mates.
61.Rxc6+ Kb7 62.Ka5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.50
62...Ra2#
0-1

C70

□ **KhatanbaatarGM** **2706**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2684**
Blitz 26.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

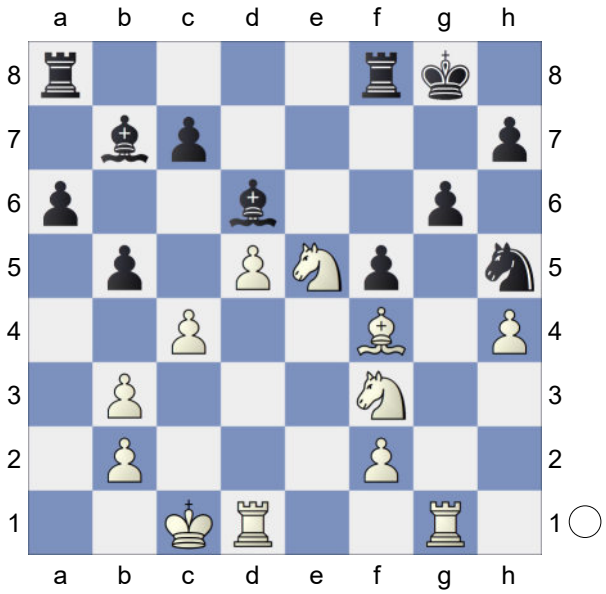
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Sokolov,V: 'Inf 10/299' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Qg5**
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]
8.d4N -1.05/17
[8.Nf3± 0.36/16 keeps the upper hand. Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 10.Rg3 Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 *(12...g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 25.Rga1 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Rb7 27.Ra4* 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7) *)* 13.Be3 g6 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.Ra2 c6 16.Qa1 Kc7 17.Rxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Rc8 19.Ndxb5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+ Ke7 21.Nd5+ 1-0 Da Silvo,F-Franke,J Telesim Tal-AUS [Tal 1974]
8...Qxg2∓ 9.Qf3 Qxf3 Black is better.
[9...Bb4+ 10.c3 Qxf3 11.Nxf3 Bf8]
10.Nxf3 Bb7 11.Nbd2 -1.35/15
[11.d5 -0.98/16]



11...f5! 12.e5 d6 -0.30/16
[12...g5∓ -1.25/15 13.0-0 Ne7]
13.Rg1 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Nf6 15.Ndf3 g6 16.c4 Ne4 0.41/16
[16...0-0-0= -0.29/15]
17.d5 -0.32/15
[White should play 17.h4± 0.41/16]
17...Bd6 18.Bf4 -0.88/18
[18.Be3= -0.10/16 remains equal.]
18...0-0 0.01/15
[18...0-0-0∓ -0.88/18 Threatens to win with ...Rhe8. 19.Nd3 Rhe8]
19.h4!= Nf6 0.53/17
[19...a5= 0.01/17]
20.0-0-0± Nh5? 2.74/17
[20...Ng4± 0.64/15]

(Diagram)

21.Bh2? 0.01/19
[White has to play 21.Nxg6!+- 2.74/17



hxg6 22.Bxd6 cxd6 23.Rxg6+ Kh7 24.Rxd6]

21...Rfe8= 22.Rge1 bxc4 23.bxc4 a5! 24.Nd4 a4 25.Kc2 -0.39/20

[25.Ne6= -0.01/23 is more appropriate.]

25...a3 0.32/20

[25...Ba6!∓ -0.39/20]

26.b3

[26.bxa3 simplifies Rxa3 27.Nef3 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Bxh2 29.Nxh2 Ra2+ 30.Kb3]

26...Bb4 27.Rg1 a2 28.Ra1 Bc5 29.Kc3 Nf6 30.f3 Dodges Ne4+

30...Bd6⇄ Black has counterplay. This pair of bishops is nice. **31.Rge1 Ra6**

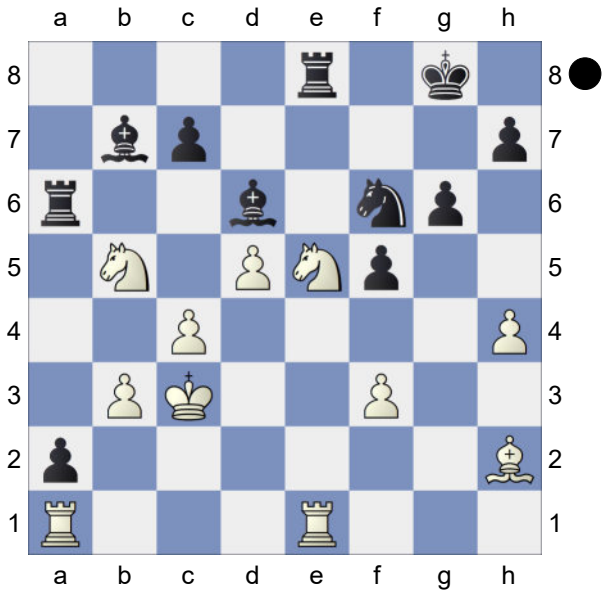
[31...Bxd5 keeps more tension. 32.cxd5 Nxd5+ 33.Kc4 Ra5]

32.Nb5

(Diagram)

Bxd5! 33.cxd5 Nxd5+ 34.Kb2 Nxd6! is the strong threat. **34...Nb4** Some like it hot **35.f4** -2.58/20

[35.Nxd6± 0.32/19 cxd6 36.Kc3 Nd5+ 37.Kc4 Nb6+ *(37...Nc7 38.Nd3±)* 38.Kb5]



35...Bxe5+ Remove Defender **36.fxe5?** -8.73/18

[36.Rxe5∓ -1.57/22 Nd3+ 37.Kc2 Nxe5 38.fxe5]

36...Nd3+-+ Black is clearly winning. **37.Kc3 Nxe1 38.Nxc7 Rc8 39.e6 Rxe6 40.Rxa2 Nf3 41.Bf4 Ne5 42.Ra7 Rc6+ 43.Kd4 R8xc7 44.Rxc7 Rxc7 45.Bxe5** Endgame KR-KB **45...Rb7 46.Kc4 Kf7 47.b4 Ke6 48.Bf4 Re7 49.b5 Kd7 50.Kd5 Re4 51.Be5 Rxh4 52.b6 Rb4 53.Kc5 Rb1 54.Bd4 h5 55.Bf6 f4 56.Bd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.48

56...h4

0-1

C70

□ **AfricanJo** **2703**

■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2672**

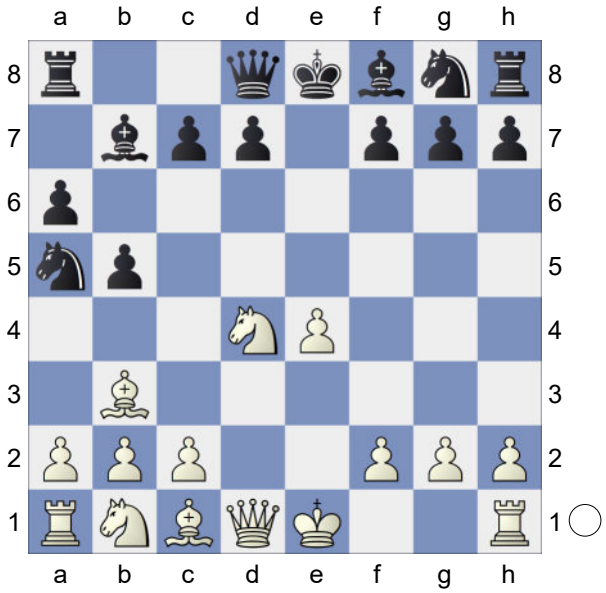
Blitz 26.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

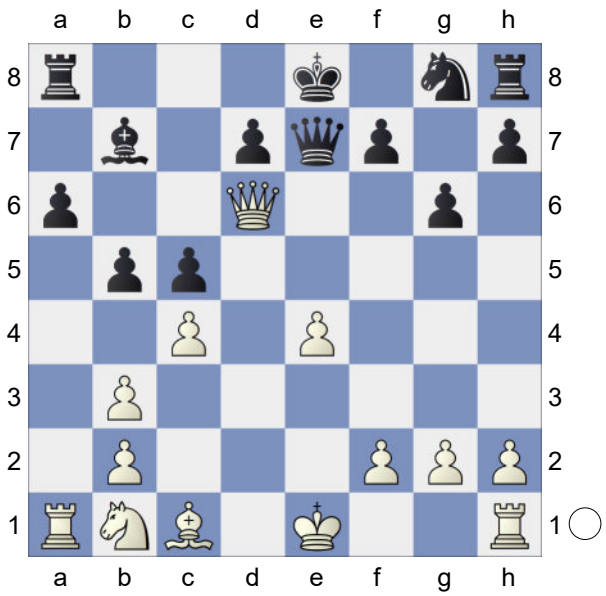
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4

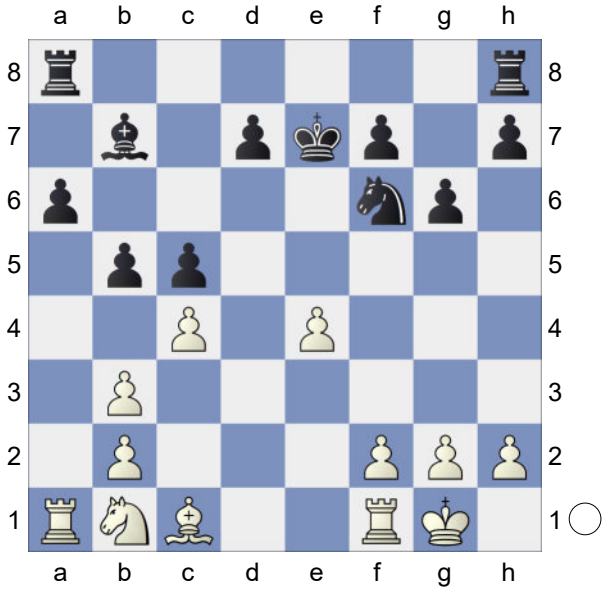
b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4
[7.Qxd4 Bb7 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3 d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1* 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004]
7...Bb7



8.c4N
[8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 C 70/04 1997]
8...Nxb3
[8...Bb4+ 9.Nc3]
9.axb3 The position is equal. **9...c5** 1.03/15
[9...b4= 0.11/15]
10.Nf5!± g6 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Qxd6 Qe7
(Diagram)



Wards off Qe5 **13.Qxe7+** 0.49/19
[White should try 13.Bf4!± 1.05/19]
13...Kxe7 1.37/17
[13...Nxe7± 0.49/19 14.Nc3 Nc6]
14.0-0 Nf6 1.38/14
[⌓14...d6 0.95/17]



15.f3 0.51/16
[15.e5!± 1.38/14 Ne8 16.Be3]
15...d6± 16.Bf4 Nd7 17.Ra5 Rd1 is the strong threat. **17...b4?** 2.48/22
[17...f6± 0.48/19]

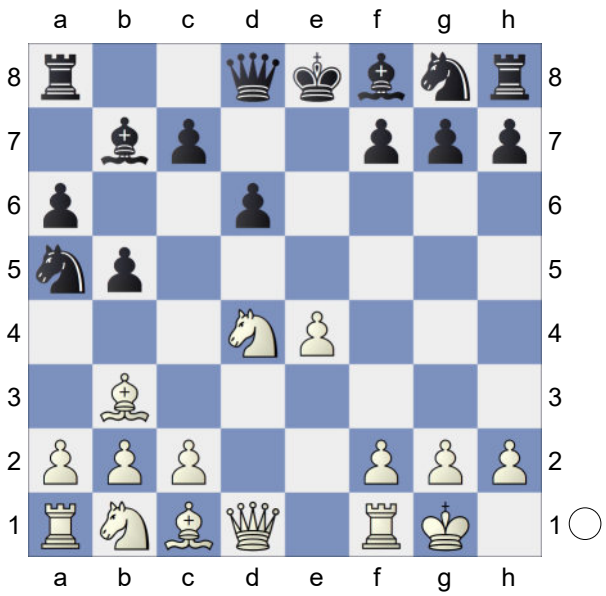
18.Nd2? 0.19/22
[18.Rd1+- 2.48/22]
18...f6= 19.Rd1 Ne5 20.Bxe5 fxe5 21.Nf1 h6 22.Ne3 Rhf8 0.61/21
[22...Raf8= 0.17/19]
23.Rd2 0.14/22 White is more active.
[23.h4!± 0.61/21 feels stronger.]
23...Rf4 24.Ra1 h5 25.Rad1 Rf6 26.h3 Rd8 27.Kh2 Rff8 28.Ra1 Ke6 29.Ra5 Rf7? 4.22/17
[29...h4= 0.01/19 and Black stays safe.]
30.Rxc5+- dxc5? 6.34/18
[30...h4 3.92/15 31.Ra5 Rc8]
31.Rxd8 White is clearly winning.
31...Rd7 32.Rxd7 Kxd7 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **33.Kg3 Ke6 34.Kh4 Kf6 35.g4 hxg4 36.Nxg4+ Ke6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.85
37.Kg5
1-0

C70
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2698**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2733**
London TechM GCL rapid (8.1) 09.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7

(Diagram)

9.c4! c5 10.Nf5 And now Bf4 would win.
[10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bf4 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Re1 Bc8 17.Nd2 g5

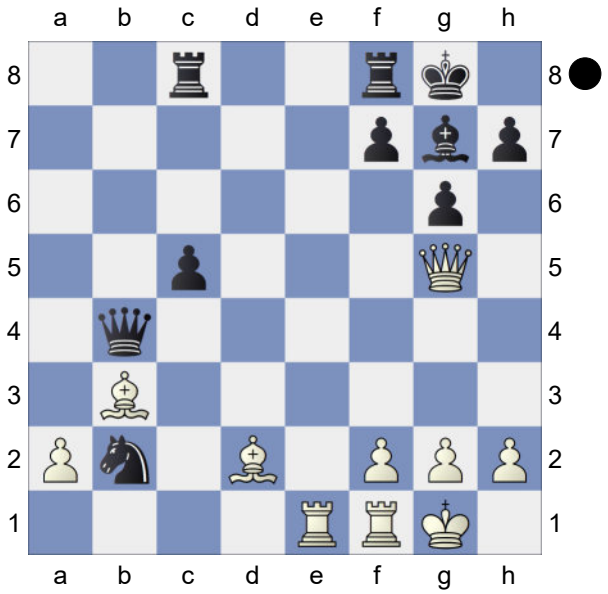


18.Bg3 f5 19.f4 g4 20.Qc2 Bf6 21.Nf1 h5 22.Re2 Ra7 23.Rae1 h4 24.Bf2 Rg7 ½-½ (72) Obgolts,E (2426)-Zakhartsov,V (2513) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial op-A 2022 (4.6)]
10...g6 11.Ne3 cxb5 poses a challenge
[11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 24.Nxh3 Re8 25.Qf4 Qd7 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]
11...Bg7 White has an edge. **12.Nc3N** -0.08/17
[12.cxb5!± 0.61/19 axb5 13.Nc3 *(13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 Rxa4* ½-½ Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019 *)* 13...Nxb3 14.Qxb3]
12...Ne7!? 0.55/19 Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig

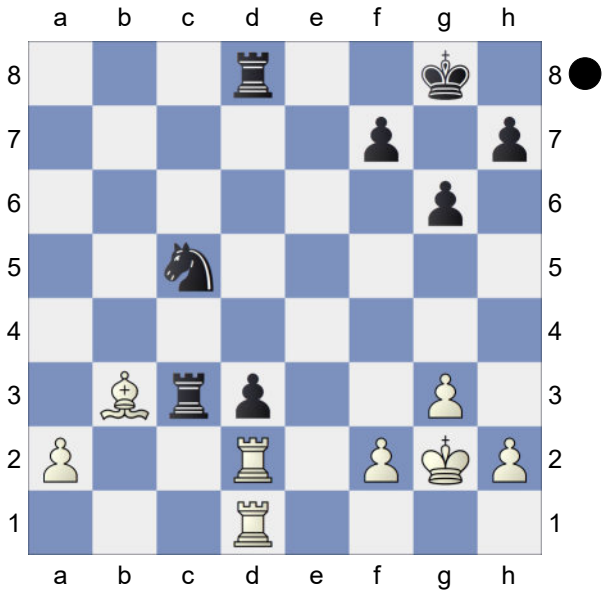
bekanntes Terrain.
[12...Nxb3!= -0.08/17 13.axb3 b4]
13.cxb5± axb5 14.Nxb5 0-0 15.Bc2N 0.15/15
[15.Nc3 -0.26/17 15.Bd5 0.56 Nxb3 16.Qxb3 Ba6 0.21/18 *(⌓16...Rb8* -0.26/15 *)* 17.Re1= Nc6 0.44/17 *(17...Rb8!=* 0.00/16 *18.Qd1 Rb4)* 18.Ned5± Ne5 0.62/15 *(18...Rb8=* 0.24/14 *19.Qa4 Bb7)* 19.Rd1!± Bd3 20.Qb7 0.01/18 *(20.Qb6±* 0.41/19 *Qxb6 21.Nxb6)* 20...c4 0.63/20 *(20...Bc4=* 0.01/18 *)* 21.Qe7 0.13/19 *(21.a4!±* 0.63/20 *)* 21...Qxe7= 22.Nxe7+ ½-½ Larkin,V (2450)-Galperin,P (2530) Sundsvall op 2023 (7)]
[15.Qxd6? Nxb3 16.Rd1 Nxa1-+]
[15.Bd5± 0.58/16]
15...d5= 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Nc7 Deflection **18...Qxc7 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Qg5 Nc4 21.Bf4 Qa5 22.Rae1 Nxb2 23.Be3 Rc8 24.Bb3** -0.51/18
[24.h4= 0.01/18]
24...Qb4 -0.14/18
[24...Qa3∓ -0.51/18 might be stronger.]
25.Bd2 -1.18/18
[25.Bd5= -0.14/18]

(Diagram)

25...Qb6 -0.37/19
[25...Qa3!∓ -1.18/18 26.Re5 c4 *(26...Bxe5? 27.Qxe5 Na4 28.Rb1+-)*]
26.Be3 Nd3 0.12/19
[26...Qc6∓ -0.71/18]
27.Rd1 Qa6 28.Qd5 Rcd8 29.Qc4
[29.Qe4!? Rfe8□ 30.Qh4=]
29...Qxc4 30.Bxc4 This pair of bishops



is nice. **30...Nb2 31.Rc1 Bd4 32.Bxd4 cxd4 33.Bb3 Rc8**
[33...d3? 34.Rb1+-]
34.Rb1 Nd3 35.Rbd1 Rc3 36.Rd2 Rd8 37.Rfd1 Nc5 38.g3 -0.78/22
[38.Rxd4? Rxd4 39.Rxd4 Nxb3-+]
[38.f3= -0.05/18]
38...d3∓ Black continues to play with concentration. **39.Kg2** -1.02/19
[39.f3∓ -0.60/20]



39...Kg7! 40.Rb2 -1.35/18
[⌓40.f3 -0.90/18]

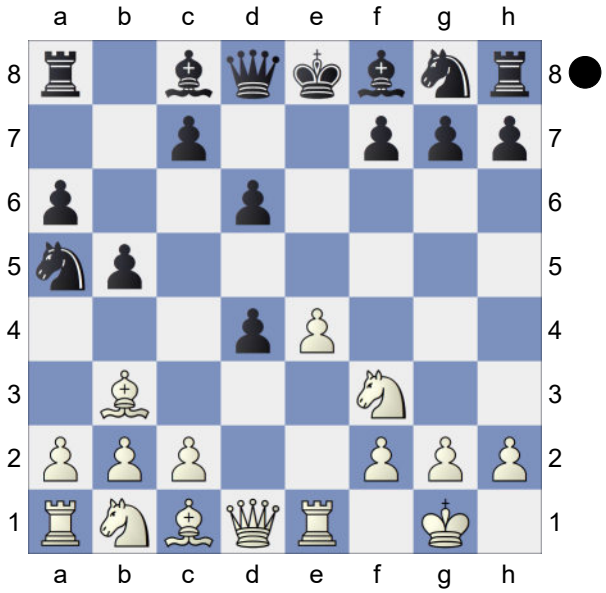
40...f5 -0.96/17 Black is more active.
[40...g5 -1.35/18 41.Rdb1 Nxb3 42.Rxb3 Rc2]
41.Rdd2? -2.64/18
[41.Rbb1∓ -0.96/17 keeps fighting.]
41...Kf6-+ 42.Rb1 Wards off Rc1
42...g5 43.Bd1 g4 -1.63/18
[⌓43...Ne4 -2.80/17 44.Rdb2 Rc6]
44.h3? -3.36/21
[44.a4 -1.63/18]
44...h5 -1.65/18
[⌓44...Ne4 -3.36/21 45.Rdb2 h5 46.Rb6+ Rd6 47.hxg4 hxg4 48.Rxd6+ Nxd6]
45.hxg4 hxg4 ...Ne4 would now be deadly. **46.Rdb2?** -4.71/15
[46.a4 -1.88/20]
46...d2 47.Rc2? -7.05/22
[47.Bc2 -3.11/18 f4 48.gxf4]
47...Ne4 48.Kf1 Rxc2 49.Bxc2 Endgame KRB-KRN **49...Nc3 50.Rb6+ Kg5 51.Rc6 d1Q+ 52.Bxd1 Rxd1+** KRN-KR **53.Kg2 Nxa2 54.f4+ gxf3+ 55.Kxf3 Rd3+ 56.Kg2 Nc3 57.Rc8 Rd2+ 58.Kf3 Rd3+** 0.01/27
[Black should play 58...Nd5-+ -6.62/22 59.Rg8+ Kh5]
59.Kg2= Ne4 60.Rg8+ Kf6 61.g4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.38
61...Rg3+ -13.40/26
[⌓61...f4 -#25/29 62.Rf8+ Kg5 63.Rg8+ Kh4 64.Rh8+ Kxg4 65.Rg8+ Ng5 66.Kf2 f3 67.Re8 Rd2+ 68.Ke1 Ra2 69.Rf8 Kg3 70.Rf5 f2+ *(70...Ne4? 71.Kd1-+)* 71.Kf1 Ra1+ *(71...Nf3 72.Rxf3+ Kxf3=)* 72.Ke2 Re1+ 73.Kd2 Nf3+ *(73...f1Q? 74.Rxf1 Rxf1 75.Kd3-+)* 74.Kc3 f1Q *(74...f1R? 75.Rb5-+)* 75.Rh5 Re4 76.Rd5 Qc4+ 77.Kb2 Re2+ *(77...Qxd5?* leads to mate. *78.Kc1 Qd2+ 79.Kb1 Re1#)* 78.Kb1 Qc2+ 79.Ka1 Qc1#]
0-1

C70

□	**Inarkiev,Ernesto**	**2693**
■	**Moiseenko,Vadim**	**2523**
Turkiye 141/114		2019

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1!? Diagram
[8.Qxd4 - 104/76]



8...Ne7?N 1.76/23
[8...Bg4 0.95/21 8...Nxb3 0.54 9.e5 d5 10.h3 Bh5 *(10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Qd7 13.c3 dxc3 14.Nxc3 c6 15.Bd2±)* 11.g4 Bg6 12.e6 0.25/22 *(*Better is *12.Nxd4±* 0.75/22 *c5 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.gxf5)* 12...f6 1.13/23 *(12...Nf6!=* 0.25/22 remains equal. *)* 13.Nxd4± Ne7 1.86/22 *(13...c5?* 4.33/23 13...Bc5 1. 06 *14.e7 Nxe7 15.Ne6+-; 13...Bc5±*

0.80/22) 14.Bd2 0.38/24 (*14.Bf4*+- 1.86/22) 14...c5!± 15.Nf5! Nac6! 16.a4↑]

[8...Nxb3 9.axb3

A) 9...c5 10.c3

A1) 10...dxc3 1.15/19 10...Be7 0.71 11.Nxc3 Bb7 12.Bf4± 1.10/20 (⌓*12.Nd5* 1.55/21);

A2) 10...Be7 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nc3±;

B) 9...Bb7 10.Nxd4 g6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Bf4±]

[8...Bb7 9.Bd5!? c6 10.e5! (*10.Qxd4 cxd5 11.exd5+ Ne7 12.b3* Wards off Nc4 *f6! 13.Qe4*↑) 10...cxd5 (*10...dxe5?* 5.90/23 10...cxd5 0.74 *11.Bxf7+!*+-) 11.exd6+ Ne7 12.Bf4 Nc4 13.dxe7 Bxe7 14.Qe2 Kf8 15.Nbd2±]

[Black should try 8...Nxb3± 0.46/23 9.axb3 c5]

9.Nxd4!+- c5 2.71/24

[9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Bb7 1.99/23 (*10...Ng6*± 1.56/22) 11.Nc3!+- Ng6 (*11...g6?* 5.40/24 11...Nc6 1.83 *12.Nd5*+-) 12.Nf5!±]

[9...Nxb3± 1.60/21 10.axb3 Bb7]

10.Nf5 Bxf5 11.exf5 c4 12.Nc3 f6? 4.44/23

[12...cxb3 13.axb3 Nac6 14.Bf4!

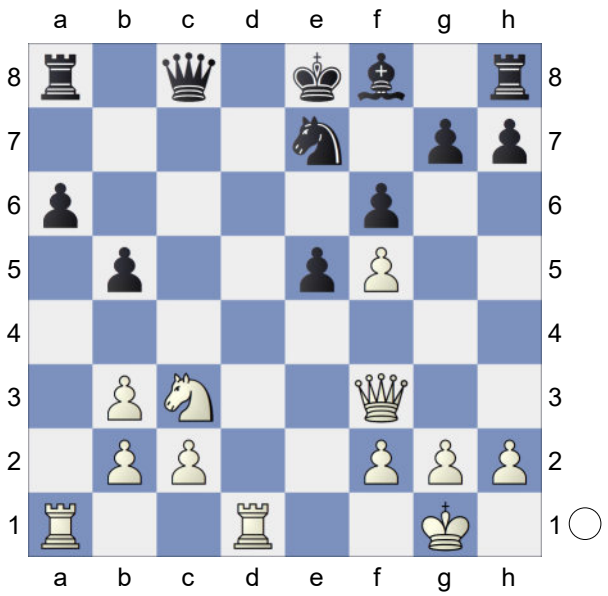
A) 14...Ne5 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Qf3 f6 7.50/26 (⌓*16...h5* 4.07/24 *17.Nxb5 Rb8*) 17.Red1+- Qc8

(Diagram)

18.Nxb5!+-;

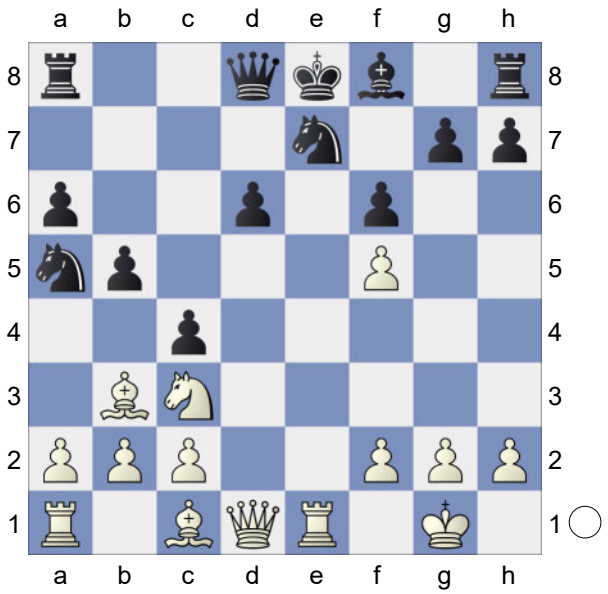
B) 14...f6 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Rad1 Ne5 17.Bxe5 fxe5 18.Rxe5+-]

[12...Nac6 13.Nd5 Ne5 And now ... Nxd5 would win. 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4!+-]



[12...cxb3 13.Bf4!±]

[12...Nac6 2.58/24 13.Nd5 f6 (*13...cxb3 14.f6*∓ Pin)]



13.a4! cxb3

[13...b4 14.Ne4]

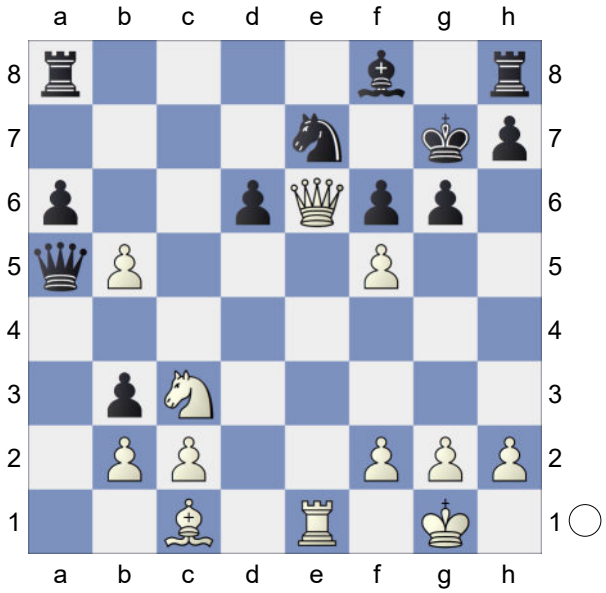
14.axb5 Kf7

[14...Nc4 15.Rxa6 Rxa6 6.30/23 (⌓*15...h5* 4.37/19 *16.Qd5 Rc8*) 16.bxa6+- Ne5 17.a7+-]

15.bxa6N

[15.Qe2! g6 (*15...Nxf5 16.Qe6+ Kg6 17.Ne2*+-; *15...bxc2 16.Qe6+*

Ke8 17.Ne4+-; 15...Nb7 16.bxa6 Nc5 17.Qc4++-) 16.Rxa5! Qxa5 17.Qe6+ Kg7



18.Bg5! Nxf5 *(18...fxg5? 19.f6+ Kh6 20.Qh3# #)* 19.Bxf6+ Kh6 20.Qc4+-]
[15.cxb3 axb5 16.Qe2 Nb7=]

15...Nac6 16.Nd5
[16.cxb3 d5±]

16...bxc2 17.Qxc2 White is clearly winning. **17...Nxd5**
[17...Ne5 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Qa2 aiming for Nxe7+. Nxf5 20.Ne3+ d5 21.Nxf5+-]

18.Qxc6 Ne7 Diagram

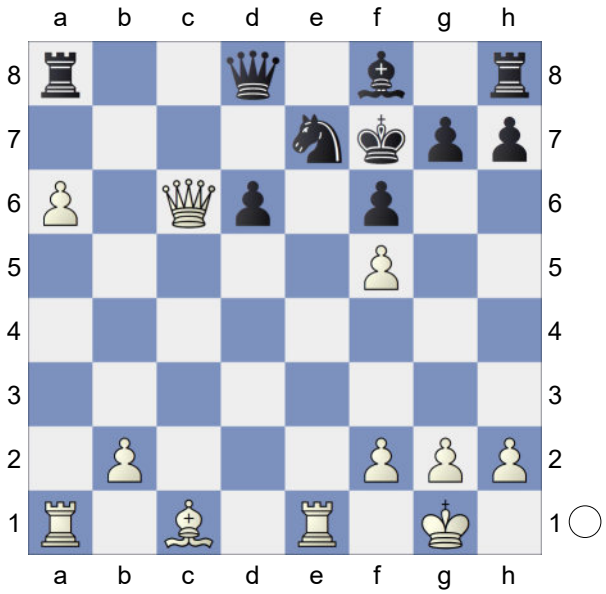
(Diagram)

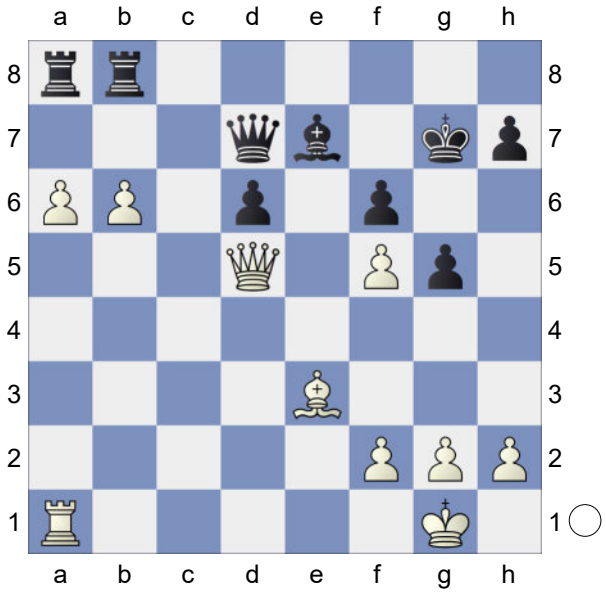
19.Rxe7+ Bxe7 20.Qd5+ Kf8 21.b4 g5 22.b5 Kg7 23.Be3 Qd7
[23...Qg8 24.Qb7 Qf7 25.a7 Dodges Rhb8 d5 26.b6 Bd6 27.Qxf7+ Kxf7 28.b7+-]

24.b6 Rhb8

(Diagram)

25.h4! Qc8
[25...gxh4 26.Kh2]





26.Qb5
[26.b7
A) 26...Rxb7 27.Rc1 Rc7 *(27...Qxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Rba7 29.hxg5 fxg5 30.Be3+-)* 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qxa8+-;
B) 26...Qxb7 27.axb7 Rxa1+ 28.Kh2 Rb1 29.hxg5 R8xb7 30.Qe6+-]

26...h6
[26...Bd8 27.b7+-]

27.Bd4 Ra7
[27...Rxa6 28.Rxa6 Qc1+ 29.Qf1

Qxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Kf7 31.Ke2 d5 32.Kd3+-]

28.Qe2

[28.bxa7? Rxb5 29.Be3 Bd8-+ *(29...Qxf5?* loses. *30.a8Q+-; 29...gxh4? 30.Bd4-+)*]

[28.b7 Rbxb7 29.axb7 Rxb7±]

28...Rd7 29.Qh5 Qe8 Prevents Qg6+.

30.Qxe8 Rxe8 31.b7 d5 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.56

32.Rb1

1-0

C70

□ **Jimenez G,Gustavo** **2693**

■ **Yankovsky,Roman** **2523**

33rd Andorra Open 2015 2019

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1

[8.Qxd4]

8...Ne7 1.58/22

[8...Bg4 9.e5 d5 10.h3 Bh5 *(10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Qd7 13.c3 dxc3 14.Nxc3 c6 15.Bd2!)* 11.g4 Bg6 12.e6 0.17/20 *(12.Nxd4±* 0.90/19 *c5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.Bxd5)* 12...f6 1.02/21 *(12...Nf6!=* 0.17/20 keeps the balance. *)* 13.Nxd4± Ne7 1.71/21 *(13...c5?* 4.17/21 13...Bc5 0.68 *14.e7! Nxe7 15.Ne6; 13...Bc5±* 0.82/22 *)* 14.Bd2 0.39/23 *(*White should play *14.Bf4+-* 1.71/21 *)* 14...c5!± 15.Nf5! Nac6! 16.a4 0.34/21 *(16.Bf4!±* 1.07/22 *Nxf5 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Bxd5)*]

[8...Nxb3 9.axb3

A) 9...c5 10.c3

A1) 10...dxc3 1.18/20 10...Be7 0.55 11.Nxc3 Bb7 1.52/20 *(*Black should play *11...Nf6* 1.16/21 *)* 12.Bf4 1.12/21 *(12.b4* 1.52/20 *)*;

A2) 10...Be7 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nc3;

B) 9...Bb7 10.Nxd4 g6 11.Nc3 Bg7! 12.Bf4]

[8...Bb7 9.Bd5 c6! 10.e5 *(10.Qxd4* 0.29/26 10.e5 0.68 *cxd5 11.exd5+ Ne7 12.b3* Wards off Nc4 *f6 13.Qe4)* 10...cxd5 *(10...dxe5?* 6.15/23 10...cxd5 0.73 *11.Bxf7+)* 11.exd6+ Ne7 12.Bf4 Nc4 13.dxe7 Bxe7 14.Qe2 Kf8 15.Nbd2]

[8...Nxb3± 0.49/24 9.axb3 c5]

9.Nxd4± White is more active. **9...c5** 2.68/20

[9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Bb7 1.89/20 *(10...Ng6±* 1.26/20 *)* 11.Nc3!+- Ng6 *(11...g6?* 5.16/21 11...Nc6 1.45 *12.Nd5)* 12.Nf5!]

[9...Nxb3± 1.52/19 10.axb3 Bb7]

10.Nf5+- Bxf5 11.exf5 c4 12.Nc3 f6? 4.73/23

[12...cxb3 13.axb3 Nac6 14.Bf4! and Ne4! should not be overlooked

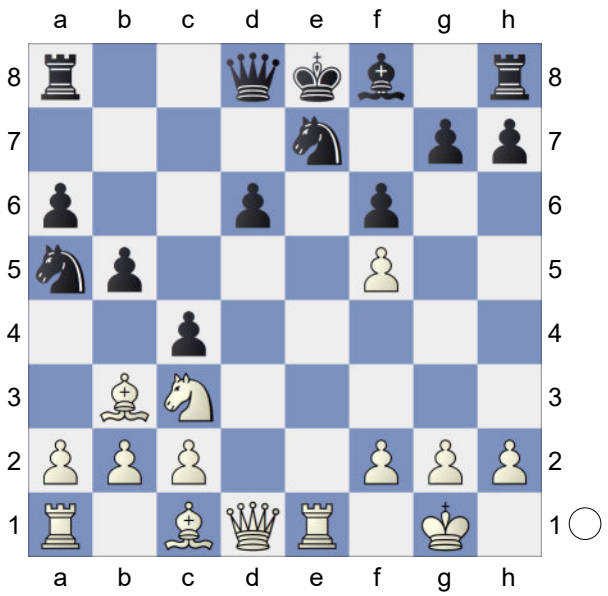
A) 14...Ne5 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Qf3 f6 7.65/27 *(⌓16...h5* 4.28/27 *17.Nxb5 Rb8)* 17.Red1+- Qc8 18.Nxb5!;

B) 14...f6 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Rad1 Ne5 17.Bxe5 fxe5 18.Rxe5]

[12...Nac6 13.Nd5 Ne5 Threatens to win with ...Nxd5. 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4!]

[12...cxb3 13.Bf4±]

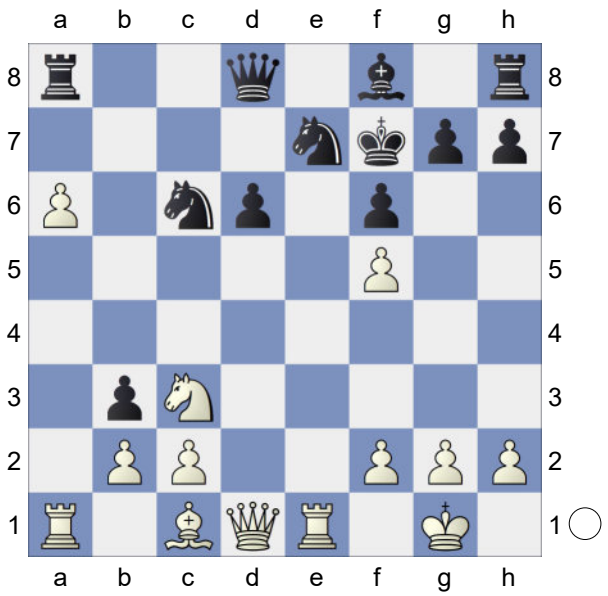
[12...Nac6 2.68/23 might work better. 13.Bf4 Ne5 *(13...cxb3 14.Ne4±)*]



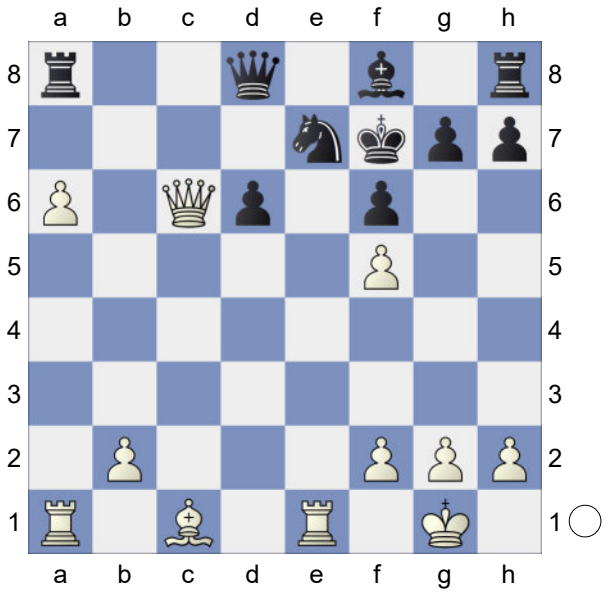
13.a4! cxb3
[13...b4 14.Ne4]
14.axb5 Kf7 7.85/24
[14...Nc4 15.Rxa6 Rxa6 6.63/23 *(⌓15...bxc2* 4.58/21 *16.Qxc2 Ne5)* 16.bxa6+- Ne5 17.a7]
[⌓14...Nc4 4.96/21 15.cxb3 *(15.Rxa6 d5±)* 15...Ne5]
15.bxa6N 3.65/23
[15.Qe2 g6 *(15...Nxf5 16.Qe6+ Kg6 17.Ne2; 15...bxc2 16.Qe6+ Ke8 17.Ne4; 15...Nb7 16.bxa6 Nc5 17.Qc4+)* 16.Rxa5 Qxa5 17.Qe6+ Kg7 18.Bg5! Nxf5 *(18...fxg5 19.f6+ Kh6 20.Qh3#)* 19.Bxf6+ Kh6 20.Qc4]
[15.cxb3 d5±]
[⌓15.Qe2 7.85/24 g6 16.Rxa5 *(16.bxa6 Kg7±)* 16...Qxa5 17.Qe6+ Kg7 18.Bg5 *(18.Qd7 Qd8-+)* 18...Nxf5 19.Bxf6+ Kh6 20.Qd5]
15...Nac6

(Diagram)

16.Nd5!
[16.cxb3 d5±]
16...bxc2 17.Qxc2 White is clearly

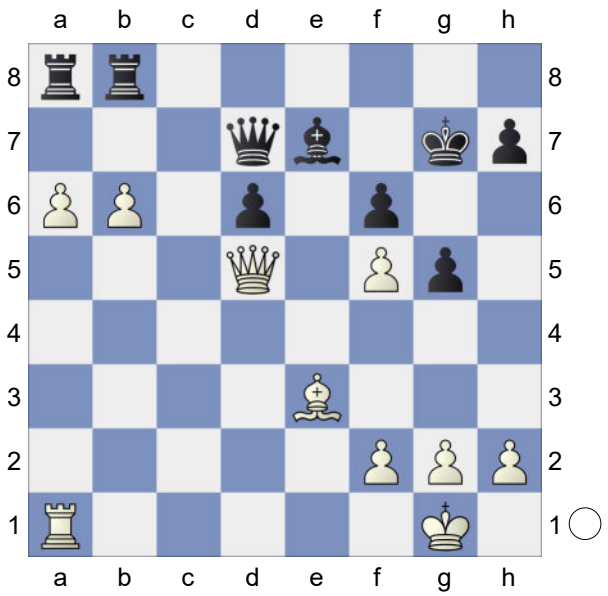


winning. **17...Nxd5**
[17...Ne5 7.11/23 17...Nxd5 4.16 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Qa2 Nxf5 20.Ne3+ d5 21.Nxf5]
18.Qxc6 Ne7

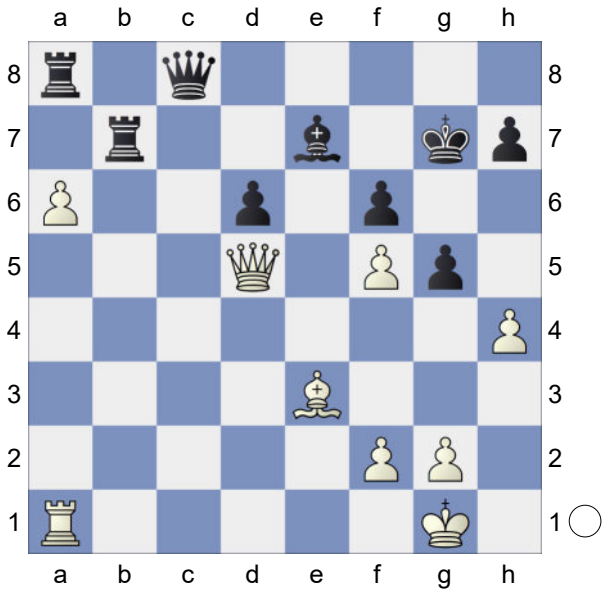


19.Rxe7+ Bxe7 20.Qd5+ Kf8 21.b4 g5 22.b5 Kg7 23.Be3 Qd7
[23...Qg8 24.Qb7 Qf7 25.a7 Prevents Rhb8. d5 26.b6 Bd6 27.Qxf7+ Kxf7 28.b7]
24.b6 Rhb8

(Diagram)



25.h4! Qc8
[25...gxh4 26.Kh2]
26.Qb5
[26.b7
A) 26...Rxb7

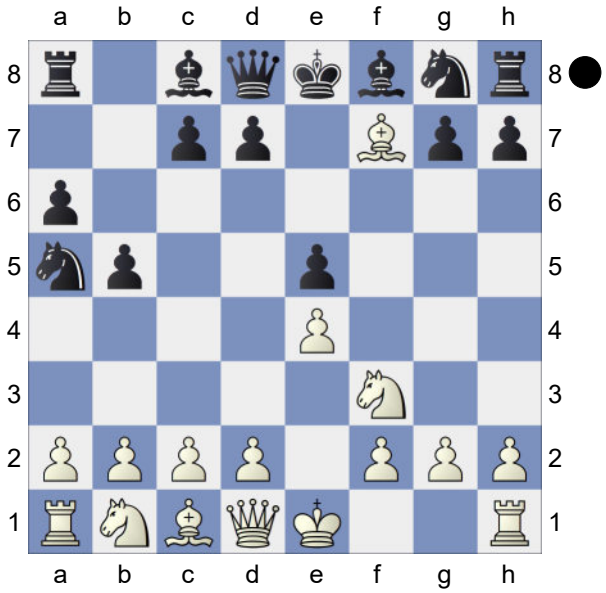


27.Rc1! Rc7 *(27...Qxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Rba7 29.hxg5 fxg5 30.Be3)*
28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qxa8;
B) 26...Qxb7 27.axb7 Rxa1+ 28.Kh2 Rb1 29.hxg5 R8xb7 30.Qe6]
26...h6
[26...Bd8 27.b7]
27.Bd4 Ra7
[27...Rxa6 28.Rxa6 Qc1+ 29.Qf1 Qxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Kf7 31.Ke2 d5 32.Kd3]
28.Qe2
[28.bxa7? perishes. Rxb5 29.Re1 Kf7-+]
[Not 28.b7 Rbxb7 29.axb7 Qxb7±]
28...Rd7 29.Qh5 Qe8 Wards off Qg6+
30.Qxe8 Rxe8 31.b7 d5 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.53
32.Rb1
1-0

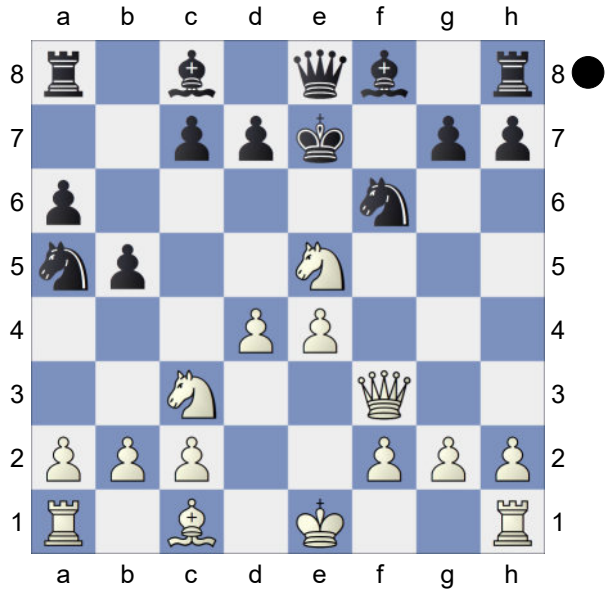
C70

□ **Miles,Eleanor** **2690**
■ **Chen,Yidong** **2600**
Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/22 (15)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
Gipslis,Aivars: 'Gipslis,A: 'Inf 30/263"
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Bxf7+



Decoy **6...Kxf7 7.Nxe5+ Ke7 8.Qf3N** -0.99/21
[8.d4= -0.11/19 keeps the balance. Nf6 *(8...Qe8 9.0-0 Kd8 10.b4 Bxb4 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Nd3 Be7 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.e5 Qf8 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qxf6 Bxf6 17.c3 d6* C 70/04 1997 *)* 9.0-0 Qe8 10.Nc3 Kd8 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Bg5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Be7 14.Re1 Rb8 15.a4 b4 16.c4 h6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 d6 19.Nd3 Nxc4 20.Rc1 Na5 21.Nc5 dxc5 22.d6 cxd6 23.dxc5 1-0 (37) Vitolinsh,A-Zhuravliov,V USSR 30/263 1980]
8...Nf6 Black is better. **9.Nc3 Qe8 10.d4**



Bb7 11.Bf4 -1.39/20
[White should play 11.Bg5 -0.76/19]
11...Kd8∓ 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Ng4 -2.47/19
[13.Rhe1∓ -1.43/20]
13...Nxg4-+ 14.Qxg4 Qg6 Dodges d5
15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.f3 Nc4 17.b3 g5 18.Bg3 Nd6 19.Rhe1 -2.54/21
[⌓19.h3 -1.94/19]
19...b4 20.Na4 Bc6 21.Nc5 Nb5 22.d5 Bxc5 23.dxc6 d6 24.Rd5 a5 25.Rxg5 a4 26.Kd2 axb3 27.axb3 Ra2 28.e5 -4.25/23
[⌓28.Kd3 -2.99/24 Nd4 29.Rc1]
28...Nd4 29.exd6 Rxc2+ 30.Kd1 cxd6
[30...Bxd6 31.Rd5= *(31.Rxg7? Rxc6 32.Bxd6 Rxd6-+)*]
31.Rxg7 Rc3
[31...Rxg2 32.Bh4+ Kc8 *(32...Rxh4 33.Rd7+ Kc8 34.Re8#)* 33.Rxg2∓]
32.Bh4+ Kc8
[32...Rxh4 33.Rd7+ Kc8 34.Re8#]
33.Bf6 Rd3+
[33...Rxh2 34.Re8#]
34.Kc1 Nxc6
[34...Nxb3+? 35.Kc2 Re3 *(35...Bf2? 36.Ree7+-)* 36.Rxe3 Bxe3 37.Kxb3 Rxh2 38.g4+- *(38.Kxb4 Rh5+-)*]
35.Kc2 Rd5 36.h4 Kb8? -0.83/24
[36...Rf5-+ -3.33/23 is more deadly. 37.Re6 Nd4+ 38.Bxd4 Bxd4]
37.Rg5∓ Rxg5? -0.01/22
[37...Rxh4? too greedy. 38.Rxd5 Rh6 39.Rf5+-]
[37...Nd4+-+ -1.64/26 38.Kb1 Rxg5 *(38...Rxh4? 39.Rxd5 Nxf3 40.Bxh4+-)* 39.hxg5 Rg8]
38.hxg5= Rh2 39.Re2 Strongly threatening Kd3. **39...Nd4+ 40.Bxd4 Bxd4** Endgame KRB-KR **41.Kd3 Bc3 42.Ke4 Kc7 43.Kd5** -0.61/27
[43.f4= -0.07/23]
43...Kd7 -0.01/20
[43...Be5∓ -0.61/27 44.Ke6 Rh5]
44.Ra2! The position is equal. **44...Rh1** Threatens to win with ...Rd1+. **45.Ra7+ Ke8 46.f4 Kf8 47.f5 Rh5 48.Ra8+ Ke7**
[48...Kg7!? 49.Ra7+□ Kh8 50.Ra8+ Kg7=]
Whites escaped into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
49.Ra7+
½-½

C70

□ **OnlyChessVibes** **2687**
■ **Lifetimelearner01** **2790**
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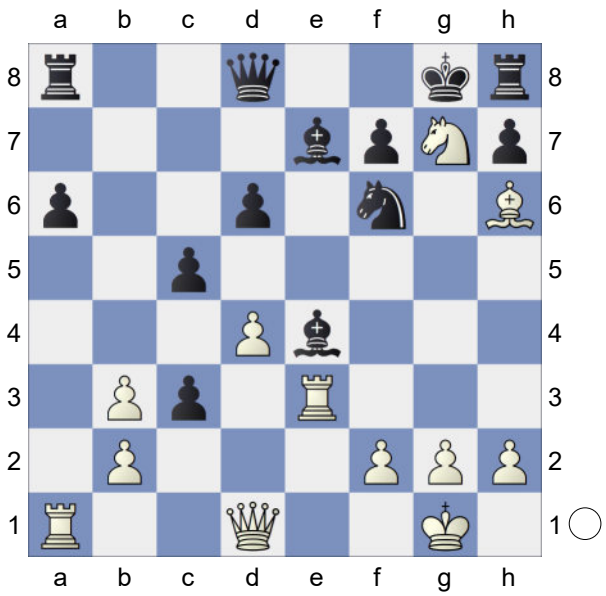
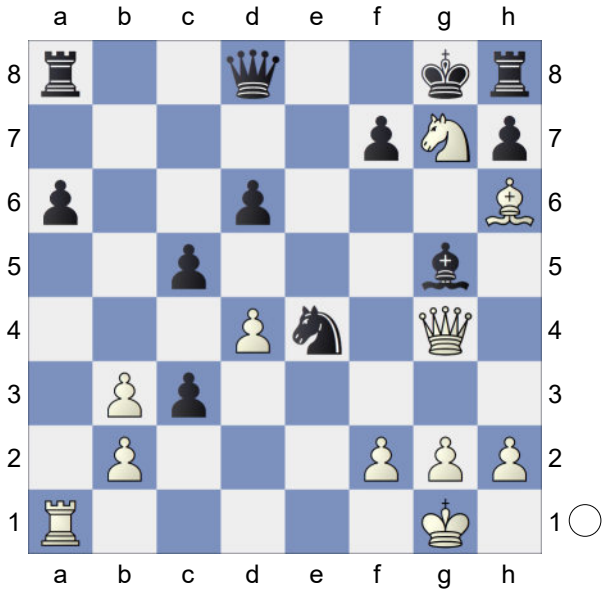
[TA]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 White is slightly better. **10.c3 Nf6 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Nh4** Strongly threatening Nf5.
13...b4 14.Nf5N aiming for Nd5!
[14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Nf5 0-0 16.exd5 Re8 *(16...Bf6 17.Bf4 cxd4 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 21.h4 Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Bg5 Bxg5 24.hxg5* 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #1 *)* 17.Bf4 Bf8 18.dxc5 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 dxc5 20.Rd1 Qd7 21.Ne3 Re8 22.f3 Be7 23.d6 Bf6 24.Qd2 Bd4 25.Kh1 Bc6 Ruy Lopez 5...Na5]
14...bxc3 15.Nxg7+ Kf8 0.91/21
[15...Kd7!= 0.24/25 keeps the balance.]
16.Bh6!± Kg8? 3.30/25
[16...Qd7± 1.02/25]
17.Re3? 0.87/26
[17.Qf3!+- 3.30/25 is the precise move to win. cxb2 18.Nf5 Nxe4 19.Rad1]
17...Bxe4
[17...cxb2? 18.Nf5! Nxe4 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Rg3+! Qg5 21.Rxg5++-]

(Diagram)

18.Rxe4! Nxe4 19.Qg4 Bg5? 3.34/25
(Diagram)





20.h4! cxb2 21.Rb1 d5 3.86/24
[21...cxd4? 22.hxg5 Qe7 23.Nh5 Nxg5 24.Bxg5+-]
[21...Qf6 2.44/28 keeps fighting. 22.Nf5 cxd4! 23.Qxe4 Bxh6 24.Qxa8+ Bf8]
22.Ne6?? -4.03/24 **Qf6 23.Nxg5 Qg6** 0.69/26
[Wrong is 23...Qxh6? 24.Nxe4+ Qg6 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.dxc5-+]
[23...Qxf2+-+ -3.97/23 24.Kh2 Nf6]
24.h5? -1.31/28
[24.Nxe4!± 0.69/26 was the only good

move. dxe4 25.Qf4 cxd4 26.Rxb2]
24...Nf6? 7.51/27 **25.Qg3??** -8.33/21
[25.hxg6+- 7.51/27 hxg6 26.Qf4 Rxh6 27.Qxf6]
25...Nxh5-+ 26.Kh2 Nxg3
Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/ Black=0.83
0-1

		C70
□	**Short,Nigel D**	**2684**
■	**Sulskis,Sarunas**	**2576**
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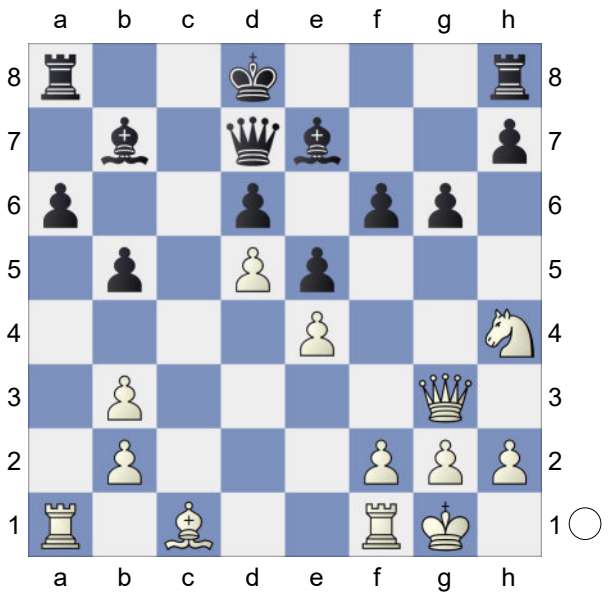
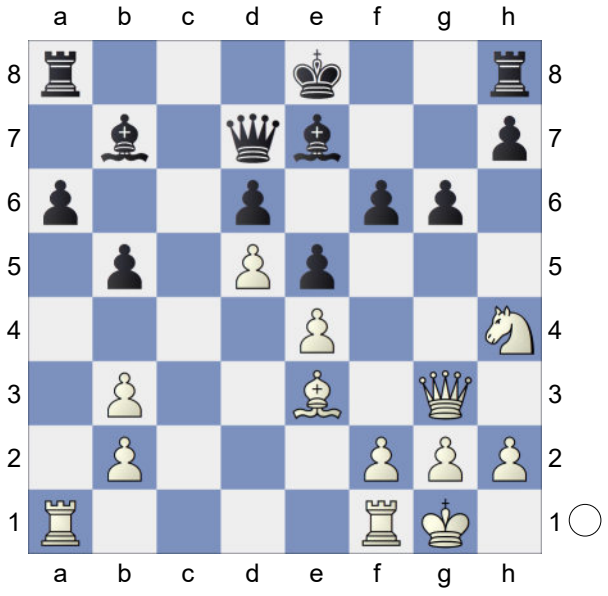
[TA]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 0.30/17
[10.Qd3± 0.69/17]
10...Qd7 1.04/18
[10...g6= 0.30/17 remains equal.]
11.Nd5± Ne7 12.Qh5+ White is better.
12...Kd8 13.c4 Nxd5 14.cxd5
[14.exd5 g6 15.Qe2 *(15.Nxg6 Qe8∓* Pin *)* 15...Be7±]
14...g6! 15.Qf3 0.29/17
[15.Nxg6 Qe8 16.dxe5 dxe5∓ *(16...Qxg6 17.Qxg6* Remove Defender *hxg6 18.exf6∓)*]
[15.Qe2± 1.01/20]
15...Be7= 16.Qg3 c6 1.41/19
[16...Kc8!± 0.34/18]
17.dxc6 0.96/18
[⌓17.dxe5 1.41/19 dxe5 18.dxc6 Qxc6 19.Re1]
17...Bxc6 1.52/19
[⌓17...Qxc6 0.96/18 18.Re1 Qd7]
18.d5± Bb7

(Diagram)



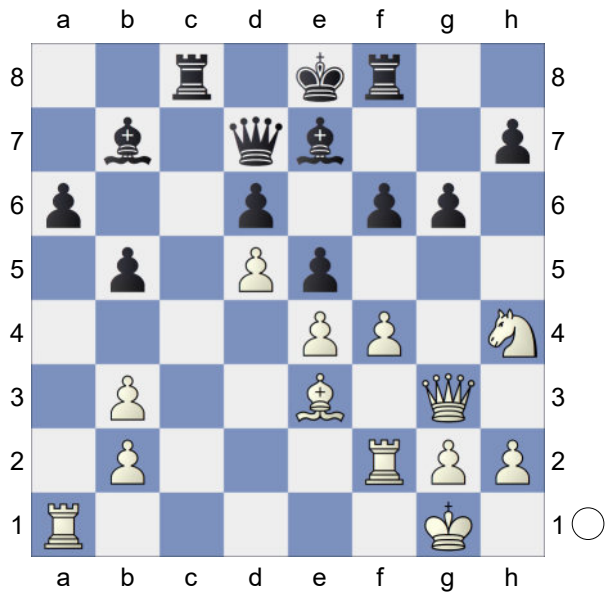
19.Be3! Ke8 2.53/19
[19...Rf8± 1.15/18]



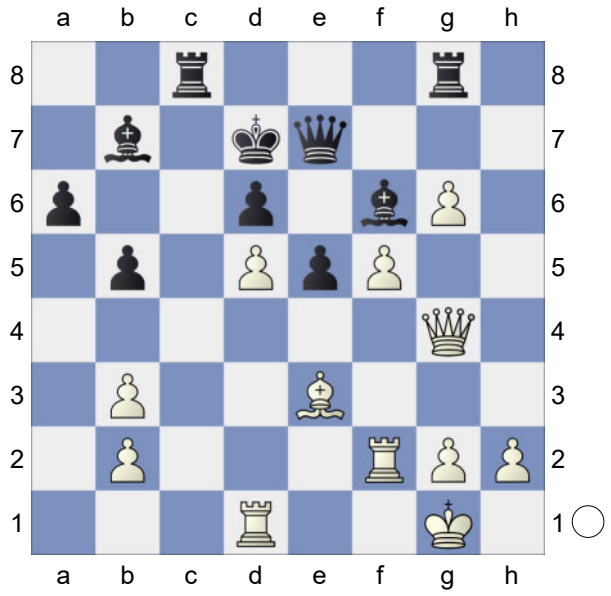
20.f4!+- Rc8 2.43/19
[20...Rf8 1.98/18]
21.Rf2 Rf8

(Diagram)

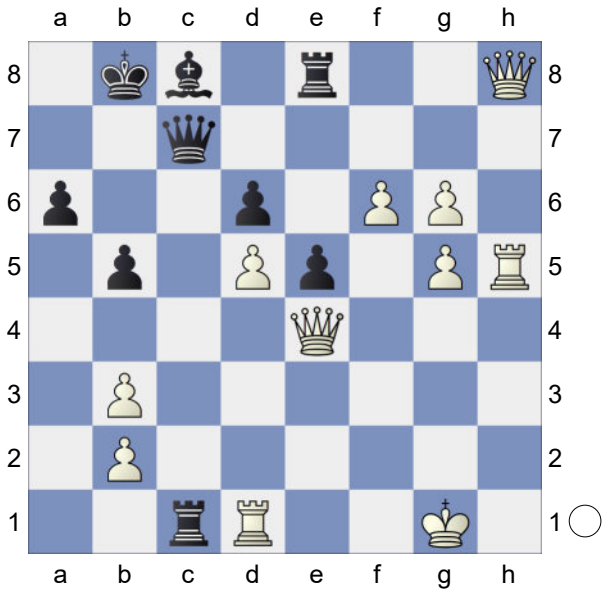
22.Nxg6 Rg8 ...exf4 would now be deadly. **23.f5** This move loses the game for Black. **23...hxg6?** 3.63/20
[23...a5± 1.45/20]



24.fxg6 f5 25.exf5
[Weaker is 25.Rxf5 Bxd5 26.g7 Qe6± *(26...Bxe4?* is the wrong capture. *27.Qg6+ Kd8 28.Bb6+ Rc7 29.Qh7+-)*]
25...Bf6 26.Rd1 Qe7 3.98/18
[26...a5 2.59/17 27.h4 Rh8]
27.Qg4 Kd7? 5.43/18
[27...a5 2.75/17 keeps fighting. 28.Qe2 b4]



28.h4! Kc7
[28...Rc5 29.Bxc5]
29.h5 Kb8 30.Qe4 Bg5 31.h6 Bxe3 6.78/20
[⌓31...Bf6 4.65/18 32.g4 Rh8]
32.Qxe3 Qf6 33.h7 Rge8 34.g4 Qh4 35.Qe4 Active counter play! **35...Qf6 36.Rh2 Rc5 37.Rh5** and g5 would now be decisive **37...Bc8 38.g5 Qg7 39.f6 Qc7 40.h8Q Rc1**



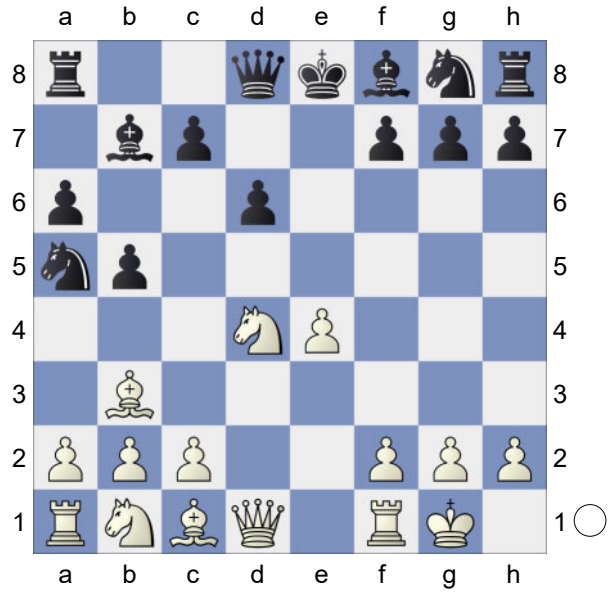
41.Qe1! Qc5+
[41...Rxd1 42.Qxd1]
42.Kh1 Rxh8 43.Rxh8 Rxd1 44.Qxd1 White threatens f7 and mate. **44...Qe3 45.Qc2** White mates. **45...Qf3+ 46.Qg2 Qd1+N**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=1.64
47.Kh2
1-0

		C70
□	**Adams,Mi**	**2664**
■	**Ehlvest,J**	**2531**
World Senior Teams +50 (8.1)		25.02.25

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

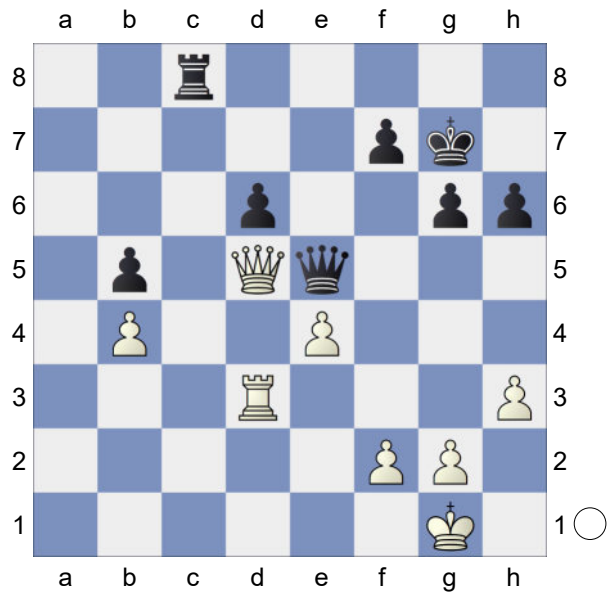
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7



9.c4! c5 10.Nf5
[10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bf4 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Re1 Bc8 17.Nd2 g5 18.Bg3 f5 19.f4 g4 20.Qc2 Bf6 21.Nf1 h5 22.Re2 Ra7 23.Rae1 h4 24.Bf2 Rg7 ½-½ (72) Obgolts,E (2426)-Zakhartsov,V (2513) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial op-A 2022 (4.6)]
10...g6 11.Ne3
[11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 24.Nxh3 Re8 25.Qf4 Qd7 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]
11...Nf6N White is slightly better.
[11...Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 Rxa4 ½-½ Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
12.Nc3 Bc6 13.Ned5 Bg7 14.Bg5 h6! 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Bd5 Hoping for Nxb5!. **18...0-0! 19.a3 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Rab8 21.h3** -0.01/19
[Better is 21.Qd3± 0.49/19]
21...Rfe8 0.50/21
[21...Nc4= -0.01/19]
22.Qd3!± Kg7 23.Rfe1
[23.Nxb5? c4 24.Qe2 *(24.Qd5? Re5*-+ Skewer *)* 24...Rxb5-+]
23...Nc4 24.Re2 0.39/23
[24.Qc2± 0.75/23]
24...Ne5 25.Qd2 -0.04/22
[25.Qc2± 0.39/23 should be considered.]
25...Nc6 0.44/24
[25...Qg5= -0.04/22 26.Qxg5 *(26.Qxd6 Rbd8*= *)* 26...hxg5]
26.Rd1 Nd4 27.Re3 Qh4 28.Ne2 -0.01/24
[28.b4± 0.61/20]
28...Nxe2+=
[28...Rxe4 simplifies 29.Rxe4 Qxe4 30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.Qxd4+ Qxd4 32.Rxd4 Rc8]
29.Qxe2 Re6 30.Rd5 Qe7 31.b4 cxb4 32.axb4
[Of course not 32.Rxb5 Rxb5 33.Qxb5 bxa3∓ *(33...Rxe4 34.Rxe4* Remove Defender *Qxe4 35.axb4∓)*]
32...Re5 33.Qd3 The position is equal.
33...Rxd5 34.Qxd5 Qe5 35.Rd3 Rc8

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...Rc1+.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

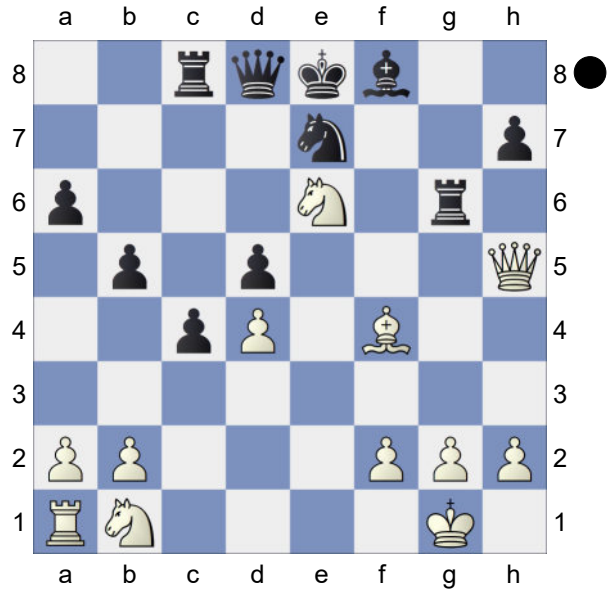


36.Qxe5+
½-½

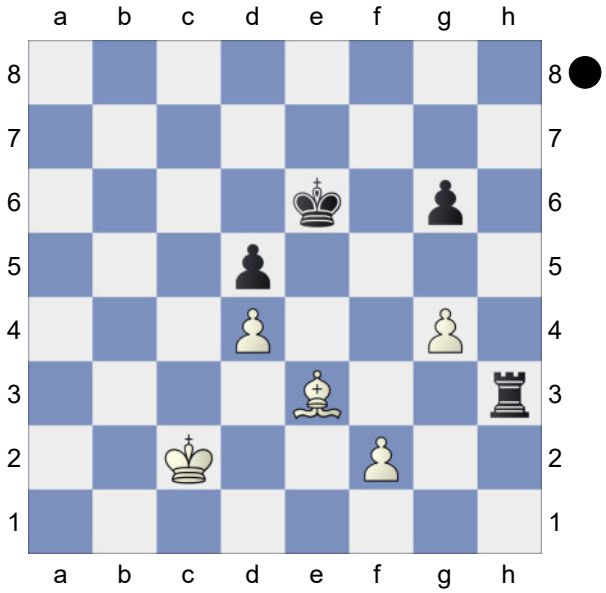
C70
□ **JoeAssaad** **2654**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2616**
Blitz 23.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6! 7.Re1N
[7.d4 Nxb3 *(7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3* ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019*; 7...f6 8.Bxg8 Rxg8 9.b4 Nc4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Bb7 12.Re1 a5 13.bxa5 c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Qe2 Qxa5 16.Nxe5 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Bb2 Rge8 19.e5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Kb8 21.Rab1 Ka8 22.a3* (27) Ruy Lopez Various-N, N Survey 1997 *)* 8.axb3 f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Ne7 *(10...Qd7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Qxd4 f5 14.Be3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Ne7 16.Bf2 c5 17.Qd3 Nd5 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Rae1 h6 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.f5 Rg8 22.Bg3 Qc6 23.Ng6 c4 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Rf2* 1-0 (45) 9.♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2655)-Aigner,J (2445) op Lone Pine 1981 *)* 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Be3 g5 15.Nxb5 axb5 16.Qh5+ Qf7 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.Rd8+ Kxd8 19.Qxf7 gxh4 20.Qxf6 Rg8 21.f3 h3 1-0 (38) Miles,E-Chen,Y 5/591 Malaga 1968 (16)]
[7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22.DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
7...g5 8.d4 g4 9.Nfd2 The position is equal. **9...exd4 10.e5** -0.89/20
[10.c3± 0.43/21 keeps the upper hand.]
10...d5 -0.48/20
[10...dxe5∓ -0.89/20 11.Rxe5+ Ne7]
11.e6 Bxe6 12.Qxg4 -1.23/19
[⌓12.c3 -0.80/20]
12...c5 13.c3 Ne7 -0.20/19
[13...Nf6∓ -1.16/18 14.Qh4 c4]
14.Rxe6 -1.56/20
[14.Qh5= -0.20/19 keeps the balance. Qd7 15.cxd4]
14...fxe6∓ 15.cxd4 -2.13/19
[15.Bc2∓ -1.53/18]
15...Nxb3 -1.16/21
[15...Rg8-+ -2.13/19 16.Qh5+ Kd7]
16.Nxb3 c4 17.Nc5 Strongly

threatening Bg5!. **17...Rg8** -0.34/21
[17...Qc8∓ -0.75/20 18.Nxe6 Rg8]
18.Qh5+ -1.71/21
[18.Bg5∓ -0.34/21]
18...Rg6-+ 19.Bf4 -2.34/20
[19.Nc3∓ -1.33/18]
19...Rc8? 0.01/20
[Black should play 19...Kf7-+ -2.34/20 Strongly threatening ...Kg8. 20.Nd2 Kg8]
20.Nxe6? -2.52/22
[20.Nxa6? Qa5 21.Nd2 Qxa6-+]
[20.Nd2= 0.01/20 and White stays safe.]



20...Qd7!
[20...Qb6 21.Nxf8 Kxf8 22.Nc3∓]
21.Nxf8 Kxf8→ White is in trouble.
22.h3? -3.84/20
[22.Qxh7? Qg4 23.g3 Qxf4-+]
[22.Nc3 -2.17/20]
22...Qf5 23.Qh4 -4.75/21
[⌓23.Qxf5+ -3.09/21 Nxf5 24.Nc3]
23...Qf6 24.Qxf6+ Rxf6 25.Be5 Rb6 26.a3 a5 27.Nd2 -5.41/22
[27.Nc3 -3.46/20 was worth a try. Kf7 28.Bf4]
27...b4 28.axb4 axb4 29.Nf3 c3 30.bxc3 bxc3 31.Rc1 c2 32.Bf4 Rb1 33.Kf1 Ng6 34.Bh6+ Kf7 35.Ke2 Ne7 36.g4 Rc3 37.Ne5+ Ke6 -1.79/27
[⌓37...Kf6 -4.05/26 38.Kd2 Rxh3 *(38...Rxc1 39.Kxc3 Rf1 40.Nd3∓)* 39.Kxc2 Rxc1+ 40.Bxc1 Ng6]
38.Kd2 Rxc1 -1.05/27
[38...Rxh3-+ -1.95/27 39.Be3 Rxc1 40.Kxc1 Ng6 41.Nxg6 hxg6 42.Kxc2 Rh4]
39.Kxc1? -4.85/24
[39.Kxc3∓ -1.05/27 Rh1 40.Kxc2]
39...Rxh3 Endgame KRN-KBN **40.Be3 Ng6 41.Nxg6** -8.40/31
[⌓41.Nc6 -4.58/25 Nh4 42.Ne5]
41...hxg6 42.Kxc2



KR-KB **42...Rh4! 43.g5 Kf5 44.Kd3 Rh3 45.Kc3 Ke4 46.Kb4 Rxe3 47.fxe3 Kxe3** KPP-KPP. Black mates.
48.Kc5 Ke4 49.Kd6 Kxd4
KPP-KP. Black is a pawn up. **50.Ke6 Kc5 51.Kf6 d4 52.Kxg6 d3 53.Kh7 d2 54.g6 d1Q**
[Weaker is 54...d1R 55.g7=]
55.g7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.45

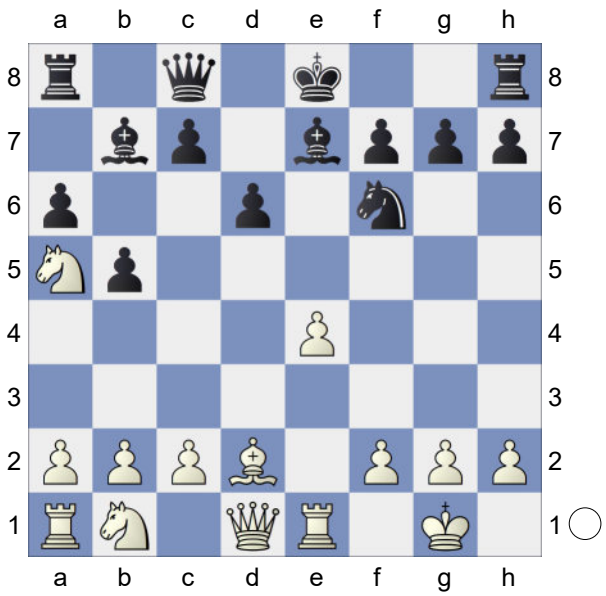
55...Qh5+
0-1

C70

□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2648**
■ **Klabis,R** **2399**
39th ECC Open 2024 (3.5) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

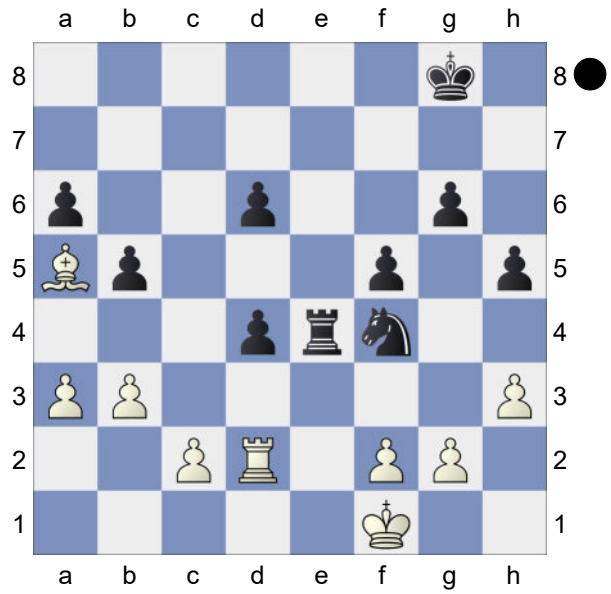
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann DEVELOPMENTS The Norwegian Variation - Ideas and Trends The Norwegian Variation of the Ruy Lopez is a rare guest at top level tournaments and an almost forgotten opening line. However, I believe this is a very aggressive way to play for a win with the black pieces in the e4 e5 openings because of a great surprise factor! Let's take a closer look! **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2!** The main line 9.Bd2 scores better than 9.c4. Die Hauptvariante 9. Ld2 punktet besser als 9.c4. **9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Re1**
[11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Re3 Rb5 ½-½ Samojlov,S (2536)-Orr,M (2461) 103/40 Belgrad 2008 (10)]
11...Be7 The position is equal. **12.Na5 Qc8** 0.77/20
[12...Rb8± 0.32/21]

(Diagram)



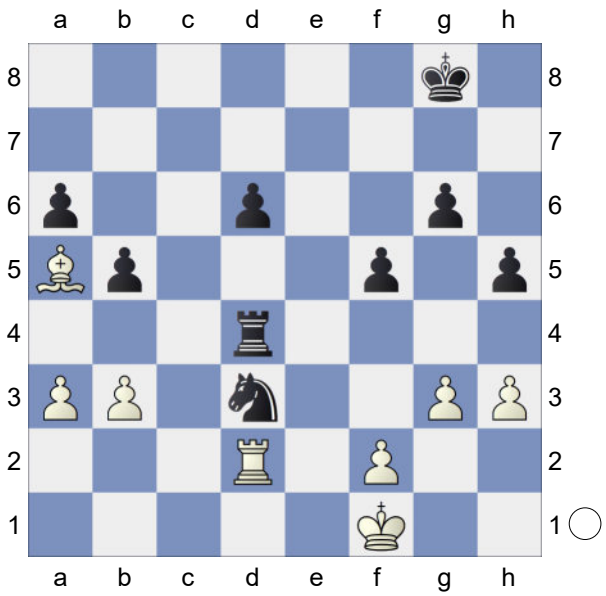
13.Nc3N 0.26/23
[13.e5!± 0.77/20 dxe5 14.Nxb7 Qxb7 15.Rxe5]
[13.Nxb7 Qxb7 14.Nc3 0-0 Ruy Lopez-Norwegian Variation 2023]
13...0-0= 14.a3 Re8 15.Qf3 Nd7N
[15...Rb8 16.Nxb7 Qxb7 17.h3 Bf8 18.Bg5 Nd7 19.Rad1 Ne5 20.Qg3 Nc4 21.Bc1 Re6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Sarana,A (2668) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Late blitz 2023 (4)]
16.Qf5 Nb6 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.Re3 Qc8 19.Qh5 g6! 20.Qh6 Rh3 is the strong threat. **20...Bf8 21.Qf4 Bg7 22.b3** Against Nc4 **22...Be5** -0.01/19
[22...Qb7∓ -0.51/20]
23.Qf3 h5 24.h3 Qd8 25.Rae1 Qf6 26.Qd1
[26.Qxf6 simplifies Bxf6 27.Rd3 Bg7 28.Kf1]
26...Re7 27.Ne2 Rae8 28.Rf3 Qg7 29.Be3 -0.22/23
[⌓29.Bg5 0.29/20]
29...c5 0.57/20
[29...Bb2= -0.22/23]
30.Nf4 -0.01/21

[30.Bg5± 0.57/20]
30...Bxf4= 31.Rxf4 Qc3 32.Bd2 Qd4 0.68/24
[32...Qe5= 0.25/25 is more appropriate.]
33.Ba5 -0.62/25
[33.Re3± 0.68/24]
33...Nd5∓ Pin **34.Qxd4**
[34.exd5? Rxe1+ *(34...Qxf4? 35.Rxe7 Rxe7 36.Bc3-+)* 35.Qxe1 Rxe1+ *(35...Qxf4? 36.Qxe8+ Kh7 37.Qe3+-)* 36.Bxe1 Qxf4-+]
34...cxd4 35.Rh4 f5 -0.09/22
[35...f6∓ -0.81/23 Threatens to win with ...g5. 36.Bd2 f5]
36.Rd1!= Rxe4 37.Rxe4 -0.48/25
[37.Rxd4= 0.01/26 Rxh4 38.Rxh4]
37...Rxe4 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **38.Rd2 Nf4 39.Kf1**



Inhibits Re1+. **39...d3! 40.cxd3**
[40.g3 dxc2]
40...Rd4 41.g3 This costs Black the game. **41...Nxd3** 5.90/24
[41...Ne6= -0.25/23 and Black stays safe.]

(Diagram)



42.Rd1!+- White is clearly winning.
42...b4 43.axb4 h4 44.Ke2 hxg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.38
45.fxg3
[45.Rxd3? too greedy. Rxd3 46.fxg3 Rxg3-+]
1-0

C70
□ **Shirov,A** **2648**
■ **Pichot,A** **2613**
Titled Tue 4th Feb Late blitz (8) 04.02.25
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Inf.26/276 Parma,B: 'Inf 26/276' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Nxb3 9.axb3 Bb7 10.c4N** 0.29/19
[10.Re1± 0.74/18 Ne7 11.Nc3 Qd7 *(11...Nc6 12.Nd5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Bd2 c5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Ba5 Qd7 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rad1 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bf8 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Qg3 Rd8 23.h4 Rd7 24.Rd3 c4 25.bxc4*

Qxc4 26.c3 1-0 (29) Parma,B (2540)-Hoen,R (2380) Olympiad-23 Buenos Aires 1978 (3) *)* 12.Nd5 Nxd5 *(12...c5 13.Nb6 Qd8 14.Nf5 Nxf5 15.exf5+ Be7 16.Nxa8 Qxa8 17.Qxd6 Qd8 18.Bf4)* 13.exd5+ Be7 C 70/04 1997]

[10.Nc3 Qd7 *(10...g6 11.Nd5 Bg7 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.c4 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Nf5 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Be5 17.Bg3 Rd8 18.f4 gxf4 19.Bxf4 c6 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Qa1 f6 22.Nxf6+ Nxf6 23.Qxe5+ Kf7 24.Raf2 Qe6 25.Nd6+* 1-0 (27) With E6 (2540)-Visakh,N (2415) CRO-chT1B 26th 2017 *)* 11.Nd5 Ne7 12.c4 h5 13.Qe2 bxc4 14.Qxc4 Kd8 15.Bg5 Rc8 16.Rxa6 f6 17.Bxf6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 gxf6 19.Nxf6 Ra8 20.Qxa8+ Qc8 21.Ne6# 1-0 Cakmak,M-Chomczyk,M Polska 89/(108) 2002 (10)]

10...Nf6 0.94/18

[10...b4= 0.29/19]

11.Nc3± Be7 12.Nd5 0-0 13.Nf5 0.24/20

[13.cxb5 Nxd5 14.exd5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8=]

[13.Nxe7+± 0.92/17 Qxe7 14.f3]

13...Nxd5= 14.cxd5 Bc8 15.Nd4 Bf6 16.b4 0.14/18

[16.Bf4± 0.70/22]

16...Bd7 1.02/17

[16...Bxd4= 0.14/18 remains equal. 17.Qxd4 f5]

17.Ra3 0.29/20

[17.Bf4± 1.02/17]

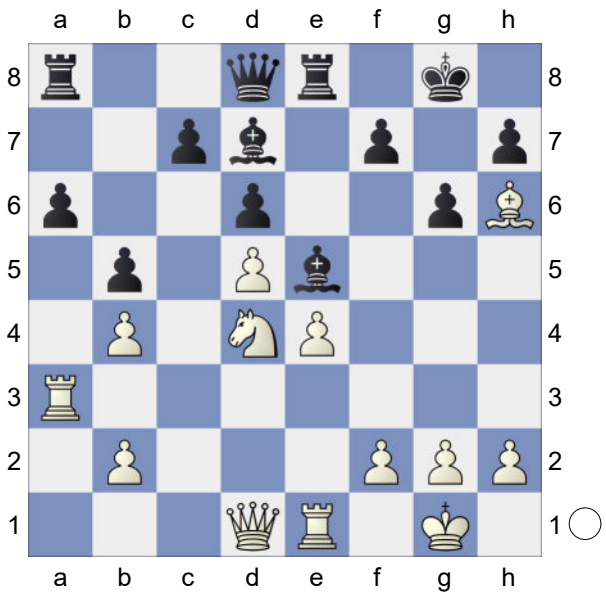
17...Re8 18.Re1 g6 0.97/20

[18...Qb8!± 0.39/18]

19.Bh6± Be5

(Diagram)

20.f4 0.41/20



[White should try 20.Qd2± 0.96/18]

20...Qh4 21.fxe5 Qxh6 22.Nf3 0.09/21

[22.e6!± 1.18/20 fxe6 23.Rc3]

22...dxe5 23.Rc3 Black is weak on the dark squares **23...Rac8** 0.70/19

[Better is 23...Qf8!= 0.14/21]

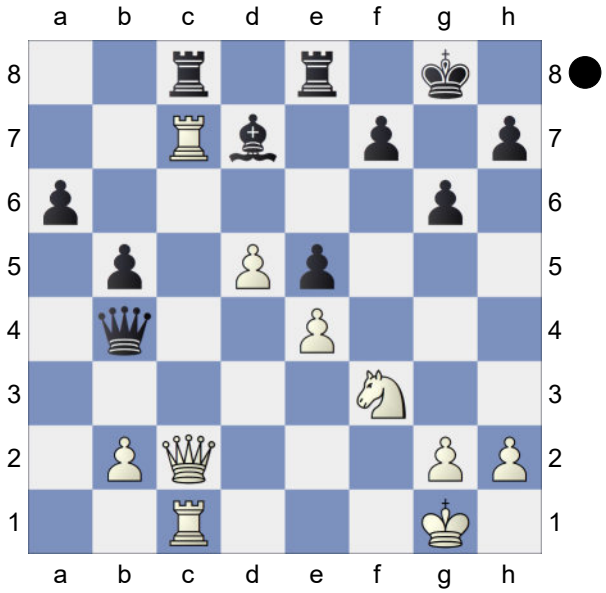
24.Qc2 Qf8 25.Rxc7 -0.65/21

[25.Rc5!± 0.67/20]

25...Qxb4∓ ...Bg4 is the strong threat. Black keeps a firm grip on the game.

26.Rc1? -7.50/22

[26.h3∓ -0.42/20]

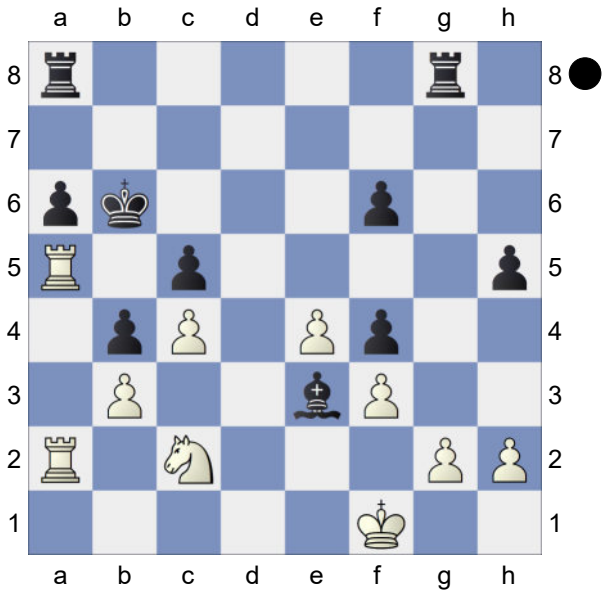


26...f5? -0.47/23
[26...Rxc7-+ -7.50/22 27.Qxc7 Rc8 *(27...Qxb2? 28.Rf1+-)* 28.Qxc8+ Bxc8 29.Rxc8+ Kg7]
27.Kh1? -7.54/25
[27.Qc5∓ -0.47/23 Qxc5+ 28.R1xc5]
27...Qxe4? 0.01/23
[27...Rxc7-+ -7.54/25 28.Qxc7 Rc8 *(28...Qxb2? 29.Re1+-)* 29.Qxc8+ Bxc8 30.Rxc8+ Kf7]
28.Qc5 -8.87/25
[28.Qd1= 0.01/23 Rcd8 *(28...Rxc7 29.Rxc7 Rd8 30.d6=)* 29.d6]
28...Rxc7-+ Black is clearly winning.
29.Qxc7 Rc8 30.Qxc8+ Bxc8 31.Rxc8+ Endgame KQ-KRN **31...Kg7 32.d6 Qb1+ 33.Ng1 Qd1**
[33...Qxb2? loses. 34.d7 Qd4 35.d8Q+- *(35.d8R Qa7±)*]
34.Rc7+ Kf6 35.d7 Ke7 36.h4 Kd8 37.Rb7 e4 38.Kh2 Qd6+ 39.g3 Qd2+ 40.Kh1
Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=0.64
40...e3
0-1

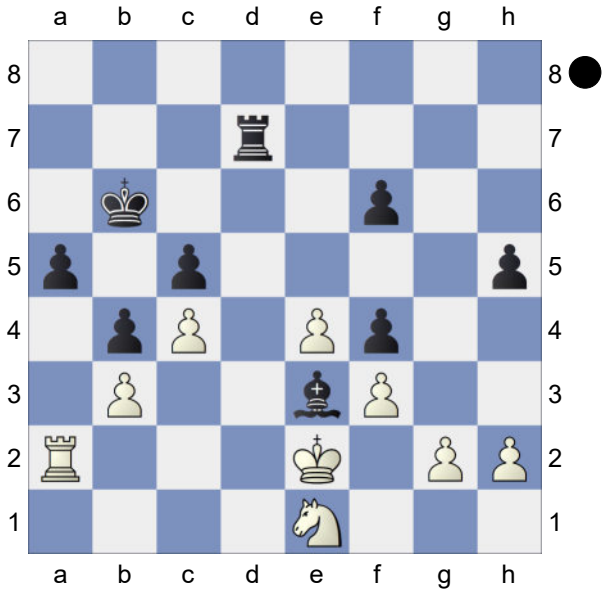
C70
□ **Paravyan,D** **2647**
■ **Ponkratov,P** **2623**
TOP 16 Rapid GP Final (9.3) 16.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 White is slightly better. **10.c3 Be7 11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Nc3 b4N**
[12...Bb7 13.Nh4 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Bf4 cxd4 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 21.h4 Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Bg5 Bxg5 24.hxg5 Chapter-Games Chapter 8 Game 2]
13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Na4 Be6 16.Nb6 0.43/20
[16.Ne5± 0.97/20]
16...Ra7 17.Nc4 -0.01/21
[17.Nd5± 0.44/21]
17...Kc7 0.95/21
[17...Bxc4= -0.01/21 18.bxc4 Nd7]
18.Bf4+
[18.Ng5 simplifies Bxc4 19.bxc4 Rd8 20.e5]
18...Kb7 19.Na5+ 0.15/20
[19.Ng5!± 0.97/21]
19...Kb6= 20.Ne5↑ White fights for an advantage.
[20.Ng5 Kb5 21.Kf1 Rd8 22.Ke2]
20...Rc8 0.53/21
[20...Kb5= 0.16/21]
21.Nac4+± Kb7 22.Na5+ -0.01/20
Excellent horsemanship.
[22.Red1± 0.63/19]
22...Kb6= 23.f3 Nh5? 1.79/21
[23...Kb5!= -0.01/19]
24.Be3 g5 2.28/21
[⌓24...Nf6 1.66/19]
25.Red1 Nf4 2.38/18
[25...Raa8± 1.46/19 26.Ra4 Kb5]
26.Kf2 1.24/22
[26.h4+- 2.38/18]
26...f6 2.57/19
[26...Ng6± 1.24/22 27.Nac4+ Kc7]
27.Nac4+? 0.31/24
[27.Nec4+!+- 2.57/19 Kc7 28.Bxf4+ gxf4 29.g3]
27...Kc7± 28.Bxf4 gxf4 29.Nd3 Bxc4 30.bxc4 Bd6 31.Ra5 0.01/20
[31.g3± 0.59/21]
31...Kb6= 32.Rda1 Rd8 33.Ke2 Be5 34.R1a2
[34.Rxc5? Rxd3 35.Kxd3 Kxc5-+]

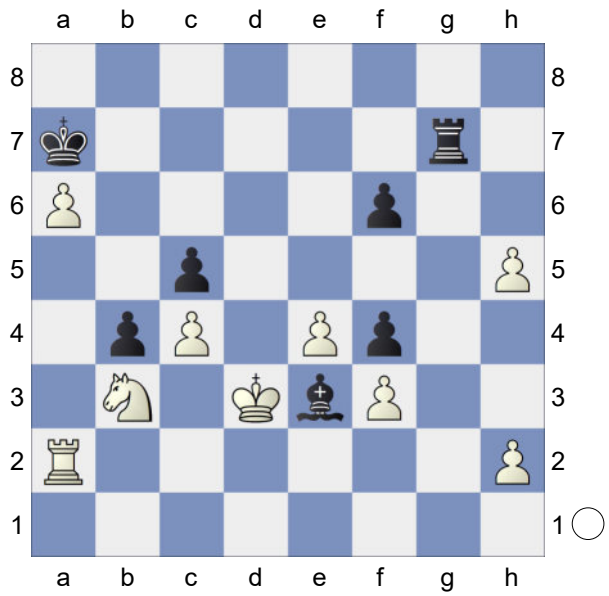
34...Rc8 35.b3 h5 36.Nf2 Rg8 37.Kf1 Bd4 38.Nd3 Be3 39.Ne1? -3.65/21
[39.h4= -0.01/30]
39...Raa8? -0.01/23
[39...h4-+ -3.65/21 40.Nc2 Bc1]
40.Ke2? -3.58/24
[40.Nd3= -0.01/23]
40...Bd4? -0.01/20
[Black should play 40...h4-+ -3.58/24 41.h3 Kb7]
41.Kf1! Be3 42.Nc2? -2.13/24
[42.Ke2= 0.01/26]



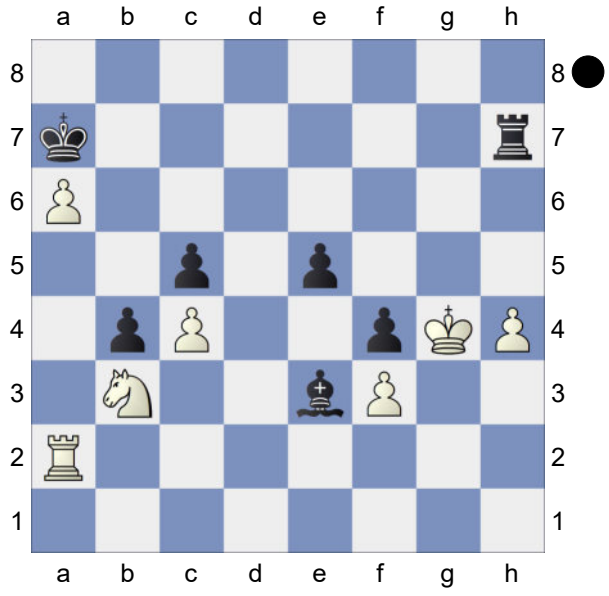
42...Bc1!-+ 43.R2a4? -5.81/21
[43.Ne1 -1.90/24]
43...Rgd8 44.Ne1 Rd2 45.Ra2 Ra7? -1.26/22
[45...Bb2-+ -4.22/23 46.g4 Rxh2 *(46...hxg4? 47.fxg4 Rd1 48.Ke2-+)*]
46.R5a4 -2.37/22
[46.g3∓ -1.26/22]
46...a5? -0.76/21
[46...h4-+ -2.37/22 has better winning chances. Threatens to win with ...Bb2. 47.Rxd2 Bxd2]
47.Rxd2∓ Bxd2 Endgame KRB-KRN
48.Nd3 Rg7 -0.01/25
[48...h4!∓ -0.67/26]
49.Ra2= Be3 ...h4 poses a challenge
50.Ne1? -5.93/23
[50.h4!= -0.01/21]
50...Rd7-+ 51.Ke2



a4! 52.bxa4 Ka5 53.Nd3 Bd4? 0.01/20
[53...b3-+ -6.35/23 54.Ra1 *(54.Ra3? Rb7-+)* 54...Rg7]
54.Nc1= Be3 0.48/28
[54...Kb6= -0.01/29]
55.Nb3+± Kb6! 56.a5+ 0.01/23
[56.g3± 0.39/25]
56...Kc6? 2.83/25
[56...Ka6?! 57.g3±]
[56...Ka7= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]
57.g3+- h4 3.70/25
[57...Bg1 2.34/23 was necessary.]
58.a6
[58.gxh4 Kb7=]
58...Ra7? 6.63/24
[58...hxg3 3.42/27 59.hxg3 *(59.a7 Rxa7 60.Rxa7 g2=)* 59...Kb6]
59.gxh4 Kb6 60.h5? 0.08/23
[60.Ra5+- 7.35/24 Rg7 61.a7 Rg2+ 62.Kd3]
60...Rg7!= 61.Kd3 Ka7!
(Diagram)



62.e5 0.01/21 **fxe5 63.Ke4**
[63.Ra5 looks sharper. Rg5 64.h6 Rh5 65.Nxc5 e4+ 66.Kxe4 Bxc5 67.h7]
63...Rh7 64.Kf5 Black must now prevent Kg6. **64...Rxh5+ 65.Kg4 Rh7 66.h4?** -5.87/26
[66.Kf5= -0.01/24 and White is okay.]



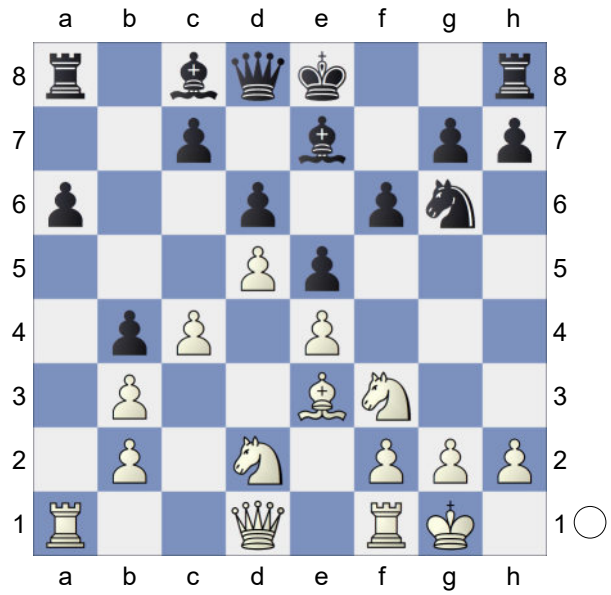
66...e4!-+ Black is clearly winning.
67.fxe4
[67.Nxc5 Bxc5]
67...Rg7+ 68.Kh3 f3 69.Nd2 Rg2
70.e5 b3
[Less strong is 70...Rxd2 71.Rxd2 Bxd2 72.e6∓]
71.Ra1 Bxd2 72.e6 Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.87
72...Re2
0-1

C70
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin 2641**
■ **Pranav,V 2621**
Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

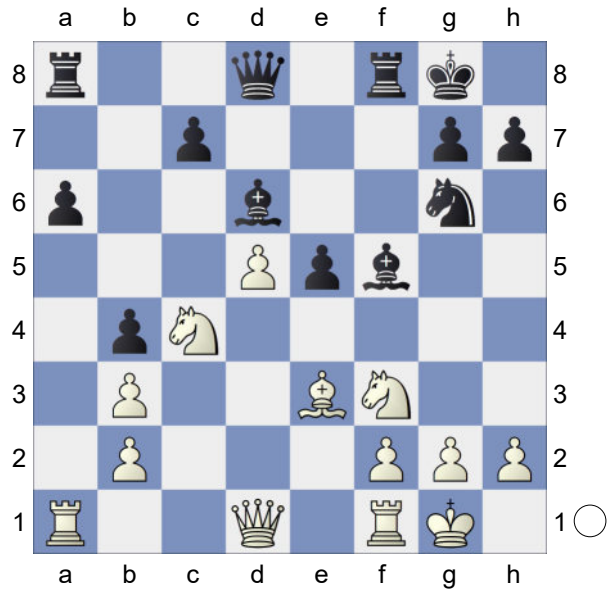
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Seirawan,Y: 'Inf 55/(332)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.c4 b4 10.Be3 Ne7**
[10...Bb7 11.Nbd2 c5 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Qe2 Bd6 14.Nh4 g6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Qg4 Bc8 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.h3 Rd8 20.Ng3 h5 21.Ne2 Kf7 22.Nc1 Kg7 23.Qe2 Bd6 24.Nd3 Ne7 25.f4 Timman,J (2665)-Agdestein,S (2620) Bruxelles 55/(332) 1992]
11.Nbd2
[11.Ne1 Ng6 12.Nd3 exd4 13.Bxd4 c5 14.Be3 Be7 15.Qh5 Qd7 16.Nf4 Qg4 17.Qxg4 Bxg4 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.f4 Bd7 20.Nd2 Bc6 ½-½ Djukic,N (2518)-Kadric,D (2584) BIH-chT 21st 2023 (5.1)]
11...Ng6! White is slightly better. **12.d5N**
[12.c5 Be7 13.Nc4 Rb8 14.Qc2 0-0 15.Na5 Bd7 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nc6 Rc8 18.Qc4+ Kh8 19.Nxd8 Rxc4 20.bxc4 Rxd8 21.Rxa6 f5 22.dxe5

dxe5 23.Rd1 fxe4 24.Bb6 Rc8 25.Rxd7 exf3 26.b3 fxg2 1-0 (67) Raja,H (2459)-Ganguly,S (2589) MPL Indian Chess Tour N4 rapid 2022 (6)]

12...Be7



13.c5! 0-0 14.Nc4 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.cxd6 Bxd6



A strong pair of Bishops. **17.Nfd2** -0.42/25

[17.Ng5= -0.03/22]

17...Bd3 0.11/22

[17...Be7∓ -0.42/25]

18.Re1= e4 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Ra5 Rf5 21.Qg4 Rxd5 0.85/28

[21...Qd7± 0.32/24]

22.Nxe4± Qe5 5.48/30

[22...Bxe4± 0.79/27 is tougher. 23.Qxe4 c6 24.Rxd5 cxd5]

23.Rxd5? 1.01/25

[23.Bd4+- 5.48/30 Rxa5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Re3]

23...Qxd5 24.Nc5 Bb5 25.Rd1 Qf7 26.Qxb4 White is much more active.

26...Re8 27.h3 Ne7 28.Qf4 Nf5

29.Bd2 0.01/22

[29.Bc1± 0.79/25]

29...Qd5= 30.b4 -0.56/27

[30.Qxc7? Bc6 31.f3 Qxc5+ 32.Kh1 Qd5-+]

[30.Na4= 0.01/25]

30...Bc6∓ 31.f3? -3.96/28

[31.Nxa6? Qxg2#]

[31.Qg4∓ -0.61/27 h5 32.Qg5 *(32.Qxh5? Qxg2#)*]

31...Nd4-+

[31...Ne3 32.Nxa6 Nxd1 33.Nxc7∓]

32.Kh1 -5.90/28

[32.Qxc7? Nxf3+ 33.gxf3 Qxf3-+]

[32.Kf2 -3.71/30 keeps fighting. Ne2 *(32...Re2+ 33.Kg1∓)* 33.Qg4 *(33.Qxc7? Qd4+)*]

32...Ne2?? 1.67/32

[32...Nxf3!-+ -5.90/28 and all is fine. 33.Nxa6 *(33.gxf3? Qxf3+ 34.Qxf3 Bxf3+ 35.Kg1 Bxd1-+)* 33...Nh4 *(33...g5 34.Qxf3 Qxf3 35.gxf3∓)*]

33.Qxc7+- Ne4! is the strong threat.

33...h6 34.Kh2 1.15/25

[Weaker is 34.Nxa6 Rf8 35.Kh2 Rf7=]

[Better is 34.Ne4+- 1.89/28]

34...Nd4± White must now prevent ... Nxf3+!. **35.Ne4!**

[35.Nxa6? perishes. Nxf3+ 36.Kg3 Nd4-+ *(36...Nxd2? 37.Rxd2 Qg5+ 38.Kh2-+)*]

35...Re6 7.90/24
[35...Qd8± 1.07/25 36.Bf4 Qxc7 37.Bxc7 Nb5]
36.Bc3+- White is clearly winning.
36...Rxe4 37.fxe4 Qxe4 38.Qc8+
[38.Bxd4? Qxg2#]
38...Kh7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.61
39.Qg4
[39.Bxd4? Qxg2#]
1-0

C70

□ **Prettyfishy** **2639**
■ **Aciboba** **2683**
Blitz 02.02.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Nxf7! would now be deadly. **7...Qg5**
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]
8.d4N -1.18/23
[8.Nf3!= 0.30/19 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 10.Rg3 *(10.Nc3 Bb7 11.d4 d6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bf4 Bg7* C 70/04 1997 *)* 10...Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 *(12...g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 25.Rga1 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Rb7 27.Ra4* 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7) *)* 13.Be3 g6 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.Ra2 c6 16.Qa1 Kc7 17.Rxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Rc8 19.Ndxb5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+ Ke7 21.Nd5+ 1-0 Da Silvo Filho-Franke,J Tele-sim Tal-AUS [Tal 1974]
8...Qxg2∓ 9.Qf3 Qxf3 Black is better.
10.Nxf3 Bb7 11.Nc3 Nf6 -1.01/22
[⌓11...f5 -1.57/20 12.Nh4 fxe4]
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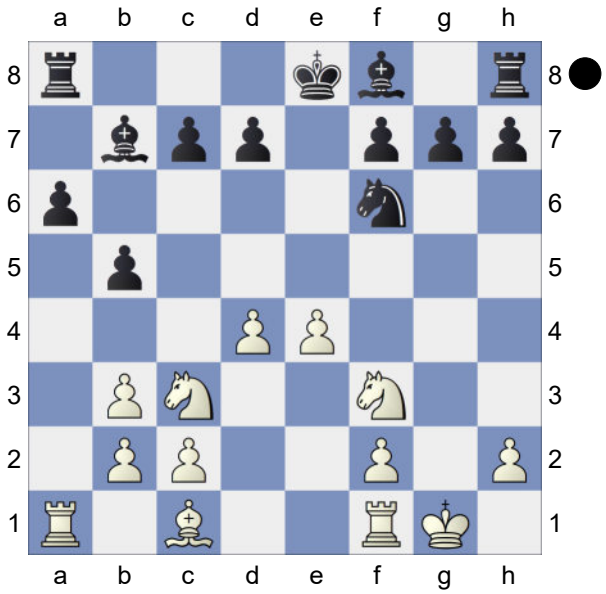
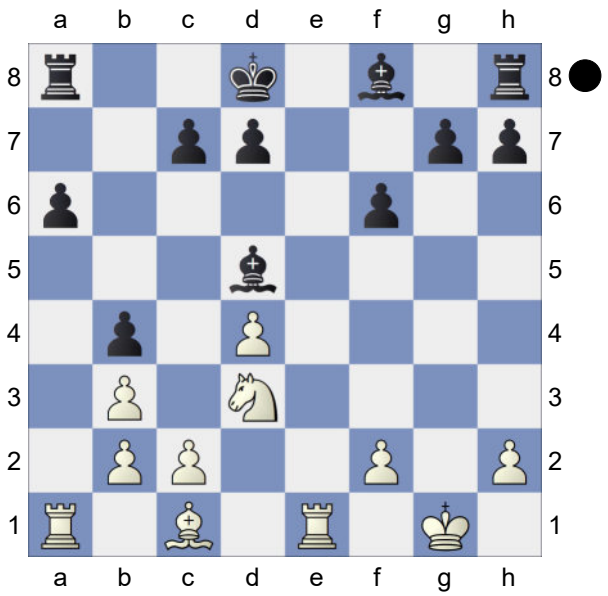


b4 -0.87/19
[12...Nxe4?! 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Re1=]
[12...Bxe4 13.Re1 d5 14.Ng5±]
[⌓12...Rg8! -1.34/22 13.Re1 0-0-0]
13.Nd5 Nxd5
[13...Nxe4? 14.Nxc7+ Kd8 15.Nxa8+-]
14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1+ Kd8 16.Ne5 f6↑ Black is more active. **17.Nd3** -2.03/21
[17.Ra5∓ -0.52/20]

(Diagram)



17...g5? -0.24/23
[17...a5!-+ -2.03/21 18.Be3 Kc8]
18.Bd2 -1.47/23
[18.Ra5!= -0.24/23 Bf7 19.Be3]
18...a5 19.c4 -2.67/24
[19.Ra4∓ -1.47/23]
19...bxc3-+ 20.Bxc3 Bxb3 -1.15/22
A strong pair of Bishops.
[20...Bd6-+ -2.68/22 has better winning chances. 21.Rxa5 Rxa5 22.Bxa5 Bxb3]
21.Bxa5? -3.40/22
[21.d5∓ -1.15/22 Be7 *(21...Bxd5?* too greedy. *22.Bxf6++-)* 22.Nc5 Bxd5 *(22...Bxc5 23.Bxf6+ Kc8 24.Bxh8∓)* 23.Rad1]
21...Bd6 22.Bb4 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Bd5
Inhibits Ra8+. **24.Bxd6 cxd6∓**
Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **25.Nb4 Bb7 26.d5?** -4.22/21
[26.Ra7∓ -1.47/20 was necessary. Kc7 27.Nd5+ Kb8 28.Ra5]
26...Re8-+ 27.f3 -5.73/22
[⌓27.Ra5 -3.68/19]
27...Re3 Black is clearly winning. **28.Ra3 Re2 29.Rb3 h5 30.h3 h4 31.Kf1 Rd2**
[31...Rh2? 32.f4∓]
32.f4 Bxd5 33.Nxd5 Rxd5 34.fxg5
fxg5 Strongly threatening ...Re5. KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **35.Kg2 Rf5 36.Rb7 Kc8 37.Ra7 Rb5 38.Kf3 Rxb2 39.Kg4 Rg2+ 40.Kf5 Rg3 41.Kf6 Rxh3 42.Kxg5 Rh1 43.Kg4 Kd8 44.Ra2 d5 45.Rd2 Kc7 46.Rxd5 Kc6 47.Rd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.33
47...d5
0-1

C70

□ **trueteller92** **2639**
■ **dozer01** **2650**
Blitz 31.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Nxb3 8.axb3 Bb7
[8...d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe4+ 23.Kf1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2)]
9.c4N -0.09/19
[White should play 9.Bf4± 0.45/19]
[9.Bg5 f6 10.Bf4 Ne7 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Qe3 Bb4 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 d6 15.Nh4 Qd7 16.Nf5 0-0-0 17.Rd2 Kb8 18.Rhd1 Qf7 19.f3 Rhe8 20.Bxd6 cxd6 21.Nxd6 Qe6 22.Nxe8 Rxd2 23.Qxd2 Qxe8 1-0 (54) French Advanced (2533)-Prymula,R (2444) Barcelona 2003 (8) 24.Qd6+ Kc8 25.Qg3 Qg6 26.Qxg6

hxg6 27.Kd2 Kd7 28.Ke3+ Ke6 29.h4 Ke7 30.Ra1 Nb4 31.Kd2 f5 32.exf5 gxf5 33.Re1+ Kf7 34.Re5 g6 35.Rc5 Nc6 36.Ke3 Kf6 37.Rd5 Ke6 38.Rd2 Ke5 0-1 (54) Gelfand,B (2714)-Vallejo Pons,F (2666) ARM-ROW m Moscow 2004 (3) 39.g3 Ne7 40.c4 f4+ 41.gxf4+ Ke6 42.Rd8 Nf5+ 43.Kf2 Nxh4 44.Rb8 Bc6 45.Rb6 Kd6 46.Rxa6 b4 47.Kg3 Nf5+ 48.Kg4 Nd4 49.Kg5 Nxb3 50.Kxg6 Nd2 51.f5 Nxc4 52.f6 Ne5+ 53.Kg7 b3 0-1 Erenburg,S (258 (2583)-Kovalev,A (2515) 106/199 Israel 2009 54.f4]

9...Nf6 0.31/21

[9...b4= -0.09/19 is superior.]

10.e5 -0.45/21

[10.0-0± 0.31/21]

10...Ne4!∓ Black is slightly better. **11.0-0 Bc5 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Be3 d6 14.Bxc5?** -2.09/21

[14.Nc3∓ -0.47/21 bxc4 15.bxc4 dxe5 16.Nd5]

14...Nxc5-+ 15.Qe3 Bxf3 -0.78/21

[15...Re8-+ -1.83/20 has better winning chances. White must now prevent ...b4. 16.cxb5 axb5]

16.gxf3? -2.76/21

[16.Qxf3∓ -0.78/21 bxc4 *(16...dxe5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rxa8∓)* 17.bxc4]

16...bxc4 17.bxc4

(Diagram)

Rb8 -1.54/19

[17...Re8!-+ -2.59/21 18.f4 Qb8]

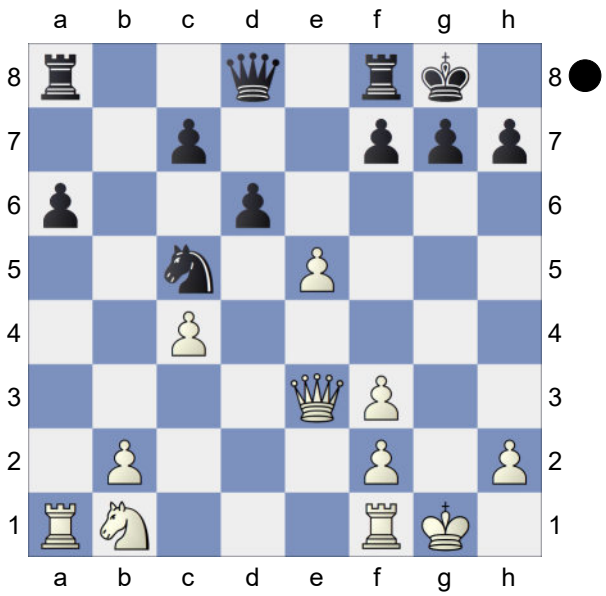
18.Nd2? -3.08/20

[18.exd6∓ -1.54/19 cxd6 *(18...Qxd6? 19.Ra5-+)* 19.Nd2]

18...Rxb2 -1.77/20

[⌓18...Re8 -3.08/20 19.f4 Rxb2]

19.Rfb1? -3.95/22



[19.exd6 -1.77/20 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4]

19...Rxb1+ 20.Rxb1 Re8 21.f4 Qh4? -0.41/18

[21...Qc8-+ -3.85/20 22.Ne4 Qf5]

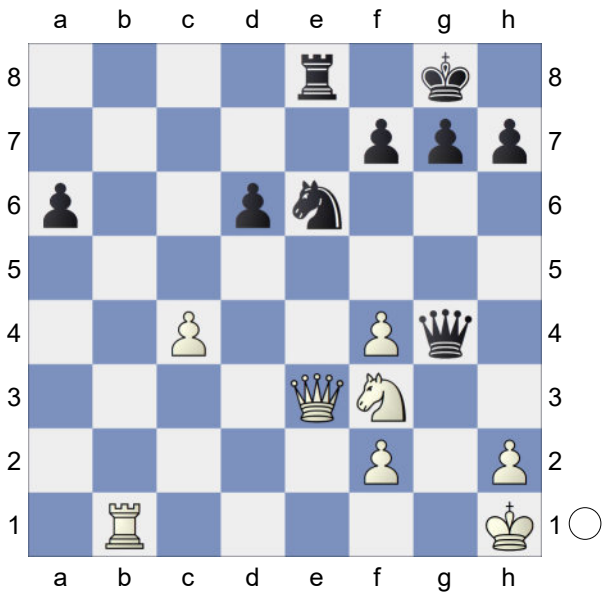
22.Nf3? -4.27/23

[White must play 22.exd6!∓ -0.41/18 Ne6 *(22...Rxe3 23.Rb8+; 22...Qg4+ 23.Kh1=)* 23.Qg3]

22...Qg4+ 23.Kh1 Ne6 -2.25/26

[⌓23...f6 -4.26/22 24.Rg1 Qh3]

24.exd6 cxd6



25.Re1? -4.61/23

[25.Ng5 -2.12/23]
25...h6
[25...Qxf4? 26.Qxf4 Rd8 27.Qh4+- *(27.Rxe6 fxe6 28.Ng5 Rf8+-)*]
26.Nd4 Nc7 Black is clearly winning.
[26...Qxf4? perishes. 27.Qxf4 Nxf4 28.Rxe8++-]
27.Qd2 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Qxf4 29.Qe7 Weighted Error Value: White=1.23/ Black=0.57
29...Qxd4
0-1

C70
□ **Bacrot,E** **2633**
■ **Pranav,V** **2621**
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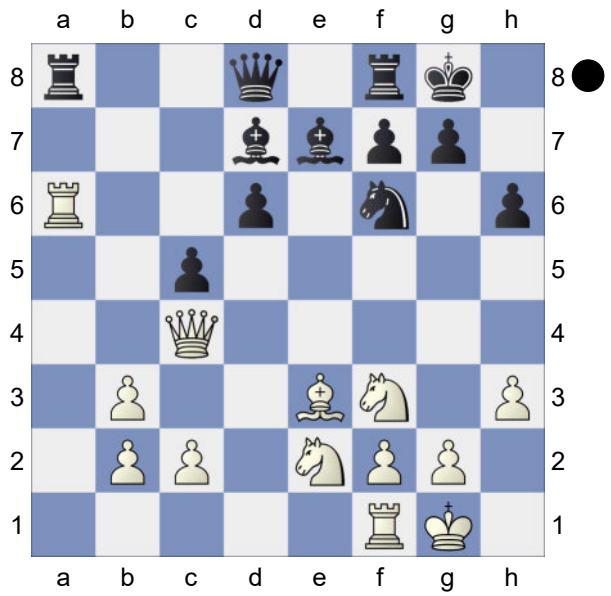
[Kitty Kat]

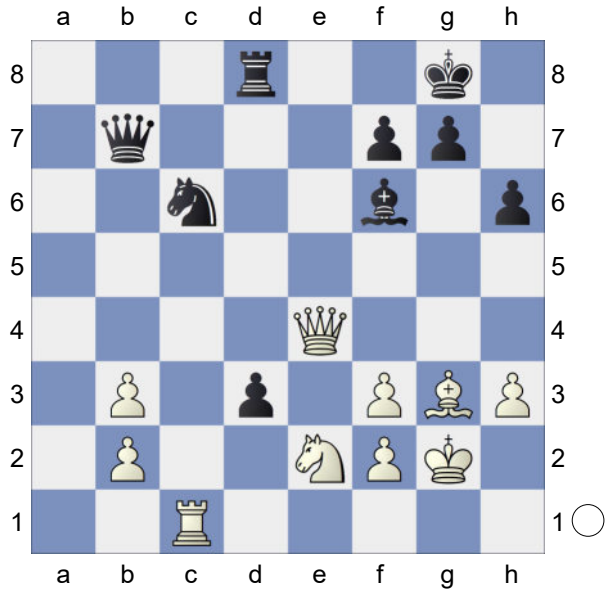
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
Sh Riga says Betins beat Schiffers 2-0 in this tournament. With a score of 9/12 he was second behind Romashkevich. (The reverse colours game was found in Handbuch des Schachspiels 8th ed)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d3
[7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4 Ne7 9.Qd3 c5 10.c4 Be6 11.Nbd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Nf1 Bg4 15.Bf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8 19.Re1 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Be7 21.Bxg7 Rg8 1-0 (32) Dominguez Perez,L (2639)-Rojas Keim,L (2437) American Continental 03rd 2005 (8)]
7...Be7
[7...Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 22.Nd5 ½-½ (47) Paul,J (2312)-Mikhalevski,V (2519) Philadelphia op 16th 2023 (2)]
8.Nc3 Nf6 9.h3 0-0N
[9...Nxb3 10.axb3 c6 *(10...Bb7 11.Re1 c5 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Ng3 Re8 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.c4 Bc8 16.g4 h6 17.Kh2 Kh7 18.g5 Ng8 19.gxh6 gxh6 20.Ng5+ Kg6 21.Rg1 hxg5 22.Bxg5 f6 23.Bd2+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ Ke6 25.Rxg8* 1-0 (27) Beyer,E-Bock,G Germany ch-6W 1968 *)* 11.Nh2 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Qh5 Nb4 14.Qd1 0-0 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Bf6 17.Nf3 Re8 18.Qd2 Bf5 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Nxc2 21.Rxf5 Nxa1 22.Qd1 g6 23.Nxf7 Qh4 24.Rf1 0-1 (31) Schiffers,E-Betins,K Shakhmatny Zhurnal tourney-4 1894-6 Rf8 25.Qf3 Ra7 26.Qxc6 Qd4+ 27.Kh2 Raxf7 28.Rxa1 Qe5+ 29.Kg1 Rf2 30.Ne4 Qxb2 31.Qd5+ Kg7 0-1 Sole Balaguer,J-Chapter 1: Early d4/d5 8/216 New York 1969]
10.Be3 h6 11.Qd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 Be6 Black is slightly better. **13.d4 b4 14.Ne2 Nxe4 15.Qxb4 exd4 16.Nexd4** -0.34/24
[16.Nfxd4= 0.26/22 Bd7 17.Qb7]
16...Bd7 17.Qc4 -0.41/25
[17.Qb7= -0.01/22 Ng5 18.Bxg5 Bxg5 19.Rxa6 Rxa6 20.Qxa6]
17...c5∓ 18.Ne2 Nf6 19.Rxa6 -1.39/26
[White should play 19.Qd3∓ -0.45/23]

(Diagram)

19...d5 -0.08/25
[19...Rb8!∓ -1.39/26 20.Nc3 d5]
20.Rxa8 Qxa8
[20...dxc4? 21.Rxd8 Rxd8



22.bxc4+-]
21.Qd3 d4 22.Bf4 Nd5 23.Be5 Nb4 24.Qd2 Bc6 25.c3 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Nc6! 27.Bg3 Rd8↑ Black fights for an advantage. **28.cxd4 cxd4 29.Qd3 Bf8** Black has compensation. **30.Rd1 Qb7 31.Kg2 Be7 32.Qe4** and Rxd4 would now be decisive **32...Bf6**
[32...Qxb3?! 33.Nxd4 *(33.Rc1 d3±)* 33...Qxd1 34.Nxc6±]
33.Rc1? -3.45/27
[33.b4= 0.01/24]
33...d3-+



Discovered Attack **34.Nf4 d2**
[34...Bxb2 35.Rd1∓]
35.Rd1 Qxb3 36.Qe2 -7.11/25
[⌓36.Rxd2 -4.25/23 Rxd2 37.Qxc6]
36...Qc2
[36...Qxb2 37.Nd5∓]
[36...Bxb2 37.Rxd2 Rxd2 38.Qxd2=]
37.Nh5 Bxb2 aiming for ...Bc3. **38.Bf4 Nd4?** -0.89/26
[38...Bc3-+ -5.66/22 is more deadly. 39.Ng3 Nd4]
39.Qe5 -9.34/22
[39.Qxd2∓ -0.89/26 Qg6+ 40.Ng3]
39...Ne6
[Stronger than 39...Qxd1 40.Qxg7#]
40.Qe2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.52
40...Qg6+
0-1

C70

□ **Mamelas**	**2629**
■ **Tayka**	**2584**
Blitz	13.05.2018

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Inf.26/276 Parma,B: 'Inf 26/276' Chapter
1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 Nxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.d4 exd4 White is slightly better.
[8...f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qf7 16.c4 Be7 17.Nf5 Rd8 18.Be3 g6 19.Nh6 Chapter-Taimanov Furman Line 2012]
9.Qxd4N
[9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Re1 Ne7 11.Nc3

Qd7 *(11...Nc6 12.Nd5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Bd2 c5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Ba5 Qd7 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rad1 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bf8 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Qg3 Rd8 23.h4 Rd7 24.Rd3 c4 25.bxc4 Qxc4 26.c3* 1-0 (29) Parma,B (2540)-Hoen,R (2380) Olympiad-23 Buenos Aires 1978 (3) *)* 12.Qf3 c5 13.Nde2 Ng6 14.Ng3 Be7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 0-0 17.Qf5 Rfd8 18.Qxd7 Rxd7 19.Bd2 Bf6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 a5 22.Nf5 Kf8 23.Kf1 Ne7 0-1 (64) Panov,V-Bondarevsky,I Moscow-ch25 Final 1946 (2) 24.Ne3 Rda7 25.Reb1 g6 26.Ke2 Nc8 27.c4 b4 28.c3 Nb6 29.cxb4 axb4 30.Nc2 Ra2 31.Kd2 Nd7 32.f4 Nf6 33.Re1 Ne4+ 34.Rxe4 Rxa1 35.Nxa1 Rxa1 36.Ke2 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Rb2 38.Re3 h5 0-1 (64) Priam,S-Wozniak,M Torre Blanca Aug 01 2001 (2)]

9...Ne7 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.Re1 0.13/24
[11.Nc3± 0.55/22]

11...Nc6 12.Qe3 Be7 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Nd5 Re8 15.Nxe7+ -0.01/19
[15.h4± 0.45/22]

15...Nxe7= 16.Nd4 -0.37/23
[16.Qd3= 0.02/22]

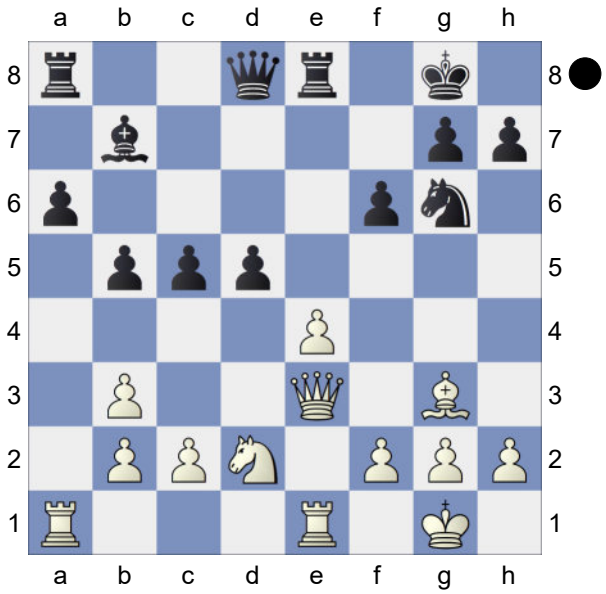
16...f6 17.Bf4 c5↑ Black fights for an advantage. **18.Nf3**
[18.Ne6? Qd7 19.Nxg7 *(19.Qh3? Nc6-+)* 19...Kxg7-+]

18...Ng6 -0.12/21
[18...d5!∓ -0.52/22]

19.Nd2 -0.68/20
[White should play 19.Qd2= -0.12/21]

19...d5∓ 20.Bg3 -1.36/20
[20.Qg3!∓ -0.51/21]

(Diagram)



20...d4 -0.62/20
[20...f5!∓ -1.36/20 21.h4 Qf6 *(21...Nxh4 22.Qf4∓; 21...fxe4 22.Qxc5 Nxh4 23.c3∓; 21...dxe4 22.h5∓)*]

21.Qd3 Rc8 22.f4 Qb6 23.Kh1 -0.96/19
[23.Nf3∓ -0.45/19]

23...Re7 -0.40/19
[Black should try 23...Qc6∓ -0.96/19 ...f5! would now be deadly. 24.b4 c4 *(24...cxb4 25.Qxd4 f5 26.Qxb4∓)* 25.Qxd4 f5]

24.Re2 Rce8 25.Rae1 Kh8 0.01/21
[25...Qd6∓ -0.43/18 was preferable.]

26.f5 Ne5 27.Bxe5 Rxe5 28.Nf3! R5e7 29.h3 -0.81/22
[29.e5= -0.01/21]

29...Qd6 30.Nd2 -1.08/23
[30.b4∓ -0.61/23]

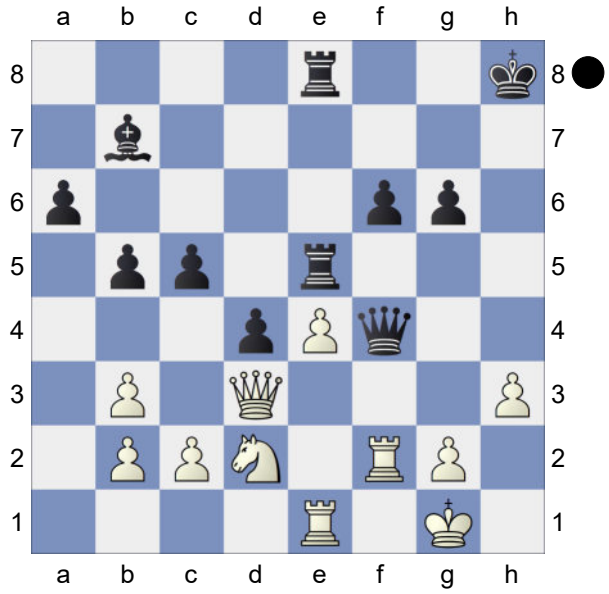
30...Qe5 31.Nf3 Qf4 32.Nd2 Re5 0.20/25 Black is more active.
[32...h6∓ -1.10/21 33.Kg1 Qc7]

33.Kg1 g6? 1.68/22
[33...R5e7= -0.01/22 and Black is okay.]

34.fxg6+- hxg6 2.92/24
[34...f5 1.61/20 was called for.

35.exf5 hxg6]

35.Rf2



Deflection **35...Qh6 36.Rxf6 R8e7?** 4.23/20

[36...Qh4 2.62/20 37.Ref1 *(37.Rxg6?* too greedy. *Qxe1+ 38.Kh2 Bxe4-+)* 37...Bxe4 38.Nxe4 Qxe4]

37.Re2 aiming for b4!. **37...Kg7 38.Ref2** 0.73/21

[38.Rf1+- 2.95/19 has better winning chances.]

38...Bxe4± 39.Nxe4 Rxe4 40.Qd2 -10.78/22

[40.Qg3± 0.73/25]

Black used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.43

40...Qxd2

0-1

C70

□ **Ivic,Velimir** **2622**

■ **Narva,M** **2414**

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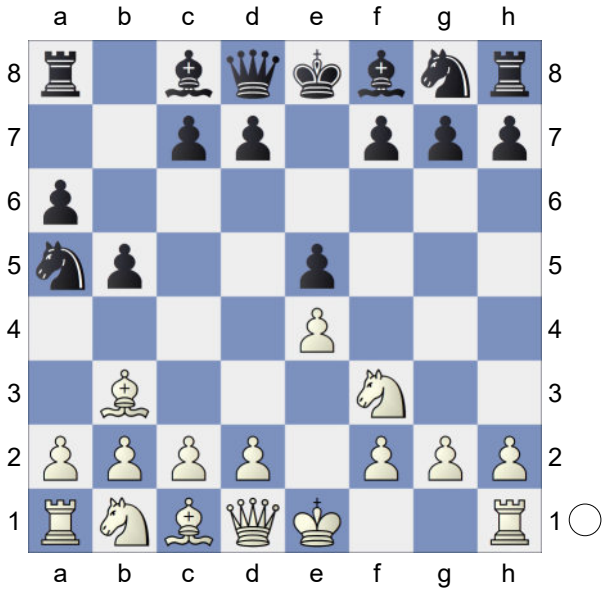
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5



6.Bxf7+ -0.01/21 **Kxf7= 7.Nxe5+ Ke7**

[7...Ke8 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Qxh8±]

[7...Ke6 is interesting. 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.d4 Bb7]

8.a4N -0.35/19

[8.d4= 0.03/20

A) 8...Qe8 9.0-0 Kd8 10.b4 Bxb4 11.Qf3 Nf6 12.Nd3 Be7 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.e5 Qf8 *(14...Rf8 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Re1 Qf7 17.c3 Rb8 18.Bf4 Bb7 19.Qg3 d6 20.Nd2 Ne7 21.Ne4 h6 22.Nec5 Bc8 23.Nb4 Rb6 24.Nb3 g5 25.Be3 Bb7 26.Na5 Ba8 27.d5 Bxc3 28.Bxb6 Bxb4 29.Re6* 0-1 (34) 6.♗c4 ♘d7 52367-F22) WT/M/GT/ 186 corr ICCF 1985 *)* 15.exf6 Qxf6

16.Qxf6 Bxf6 17.c3 d6
C 70/04 1997;
B) 8...d6 9.Bg5+ Nf6 10.Nd3 Kf7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Nc3 Be7 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nd5 15.Qf3+ Kg8 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Qg4 Qf8 18.a4 h5 19.Qe6+ Qf7 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.axb5 axb5 22.Nxb5 Rhc8 23.Rfe1 ½-½ (34) Nezhmetdinov,R-Furman,S Gorki SU ch 1954]

[8.Qf3 Nf6 9.Nc3 Qe8 10.d4 Bb7 11.Bf4 Kd8 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Ng4 Nxg4 14.Qxg4 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.f3 Nc4 17.b3 g5 18.Bg3 Nd6 19.Rhe1 b4 20.Na4 Bc6 21.Nc5 Nb5 22.d5 Bxc5 ½-½ (49) Miles,E (2690)-Chen,Y (2600) Krasnaya Polyana (m/4-rapid) 149/22 2021 (15)]

[8.Nc3 Qe8 9.Nd5+ Kd8 10.Qf3 Bb7 11.Nf7+ Kc8 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Nxh8 Nxe4 14.d3 Bxd5 15.dxe4 Be6 16.Qg3 Kb7 17.Bf4 Rc8 18.a4 b4 19.Be5 Qh5 20.Bxg7 Bxg7 21.Qxg7 Rg8 22.Qf6 Bh3 0-1 (44) Pereira,A-Allahverdiev,A 128/(86) Gibraltar 2016]

8...d6!∓ Black is slightly better. **9.axb5** -1.00/20

[9.Nf3∓ -0.31/19]

9...dxe5∓

[9...axb5 10.Rxa5 Bd7 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.Nxd7 Qxe4+ 13.Kf1 *(13.Qe2 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Kxd7±)* 13...Kxd7 14.Nc3±]

10.Rxa5 c5 -0.39/23

[Black should try 10...Nf6∓ -0.99/20 11.d3 Kf7]

11.Ra1∓ Nf6 12.0-0 -0.98/21

[White should play 12.d3∓ -0.35/21]

12...Bb7!∓

[12...Nxe4 13.Qf3 Bb7 14.bxa6=]

13.bxa6 Rxa6 14.Na3 -2.08/22

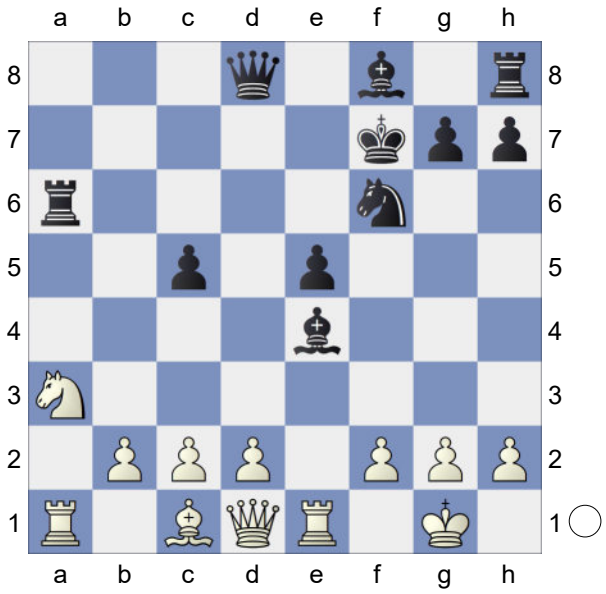
[14.Rxa6∓ -0.82/22 Bxa6 15.d3]

14...Bxe4-+

[14...Nxe4 15.Qf3]

15.Re1 Kf7? 0.01/22

[15...Bb7-+ -2.19/21 and ...Kf7 would now be decisive 16.Rxe5+ Kf7]



16.Rxe4!= Remove Defender, Decoy

16...Nxe4

[16...Rxa3 17.Rxa3 Nxe4 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Qxe5∓]

17.Qf3+ Rf6 1.45/21

[17...Nf6? 18.Qb7+ Be7 19.Qxa6+-]

[17...Qf6!= -0.01/19 18.Qxe4 Be7]

18.Qxe4± Qd4 1.94/23

[18...Be7± 1.22/22]

19.Qe2+- and Nb5 should not be overlooked **19...Be7 20.d3?** 0.14/24

[20.Nb5+- 1.92/20 Qd7 21.Ra7]

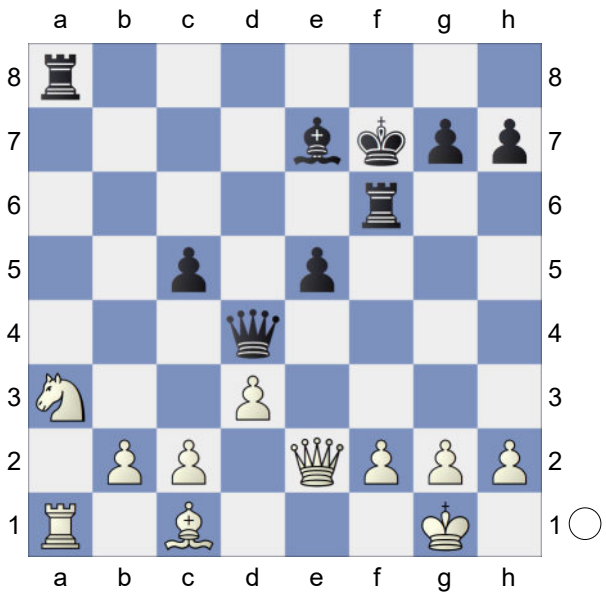
20...Ra8 0.89/22

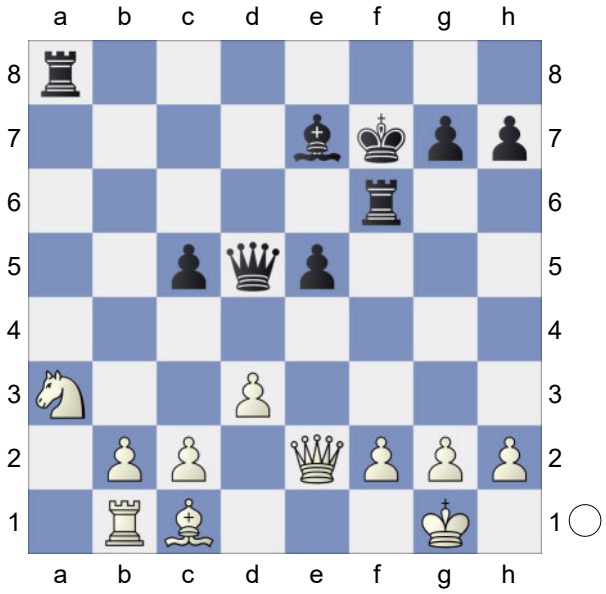
[20...e4!= 0.14/24]

(Diagram)

21.Rb1!± Qd5 1.43/20

[⌓21...e4 0.93/22]





22.Nc4 0.91/20
[⌓22.Bd2! 1.43/20]
22...e4? 3.09/22 **23.dxe4+- Qb7 24.b3**
[24.Bg5 Rfa6+-]
24...Rd8 25.Bb2
[25.Bg5 Re6+-]
25...Re6 26.Qg4 2.23/23
[⌓26.e5 4.36/21]
26...Bf6? 8.01/21
[26...Qxe4 2.23/23 27.Qxg7+ Ke8]
27.Bxf6? 2.92/22
[27.e5 8.01/21]
27...Rxf6 28.Qh4 Re8? 7.05/22
[28...Kg8 2.55/22 29.f3 h6]
29.Re1
[Less strong is 29.Qxh7 Qxe4 30.Qxe4 Rxe4±]
29...Qe7? 5.98/22
[29...Qd5 3.56/20 is a better defense. 30.e5 *(30.exd5? Rxe1#; 30.Qxh7 Rh6±)* 30...Kg8]
30.e5 White is clearly winning. **30...Kg8 31.Qe4 Re6 32.f4 Rd8 33.f5 Ra6 34.Nd6 Qd7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=1.04
35.Qc4+
1-0

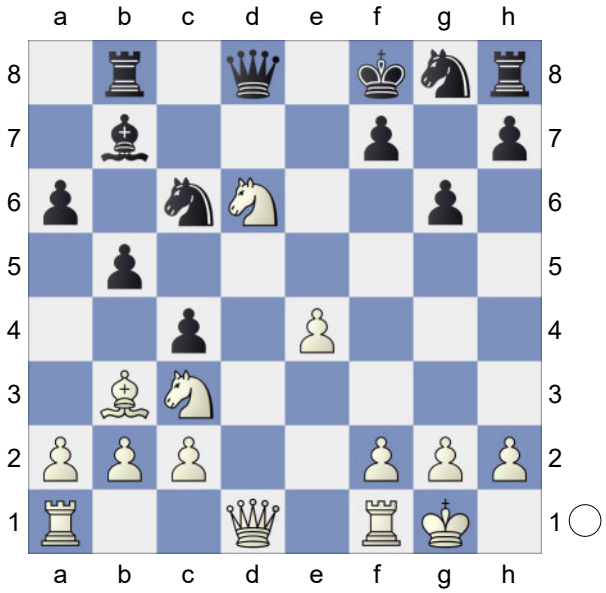
C70

□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2618**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2668**
Titled Tue 14th Mar Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 d6 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Nc3N -0.01/21
[9.Bd2± 0.50/20
A) 9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 *(10...Ne7 11.Re1 Nc6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.a4 b4 14.Nd5 a5 15.c3 0-0 16.cxb4 axb4 17.Nxb4 Nxb4 18.Bxb4 c5 19.Bc3 f5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.Qb3+ Rf7 22.Qxb7 Bh4 23.Qb3 fxe4 24.g3 Qe7 25.Qc4* 1-0 (33) Tringov,G-Ivanovic,B 15/257 Vrnjacka Banja 1973 *)* 11.Na5 Ba8 12.c4 Nf6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qe4 Rb5 22.Nc6+ Kf8

23.Rad1 h5 24.f4 0-1 (71) Camilleri,H (2345)-Lewkowitz,A (2235) La (open) 108/220 2009 (4); **B)** 9...c5 10.Qe1 Nxb3 11.Nxb3]
[9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 Rxa4 ½-½ Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
[9.c3 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne7 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.c4 b4 13.Re1 f6 14.Bf4 0-0-0 15.Nc2 c5 16.Ne3 g5 17.Bg3 h5 18.h3 Bg7 19.Nd2 f5 20.exf5 Bxb2 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.cxd5 Bxa1 23.Nc4 Qb5 1-0 (29) Nezhmetdinov, R-Garcia,S Moscow 1961]

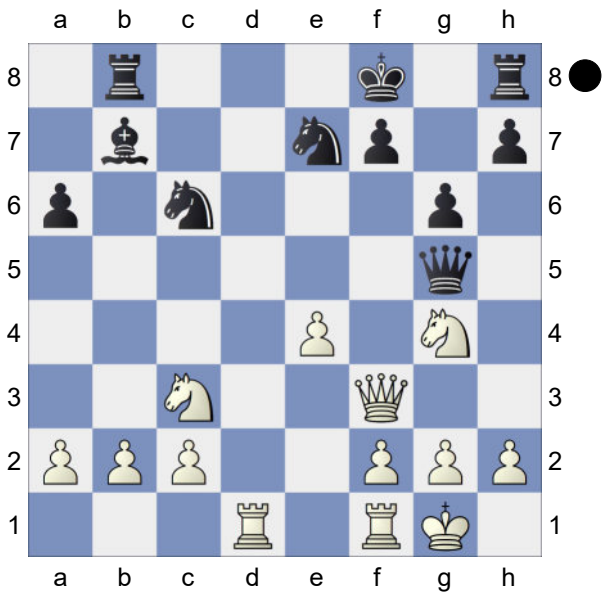
9...c5!= 10.Nf5 c4 11.Bf4 Threatening Re1!. The position is equal. **11...Nc6?** 1.71/21
[11...g6= 0.08/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 12.Nxd6+ *(12.Qd4? Qf6-+* Pin *)* 12...Bxd6 13.Bxd6 cxb3]
12.Bxd6? -1.21/23
[12.Nxd6+? Bxd6 13.Bxd6 cxb3 14.axb3 Nge7-+]
[12.a4+- 1.71/21]
12...g6 -0.78/22
[⌓12...cxb3 -1.21/23 13.axb3 g6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 *(14...Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Kxf8 16.Nd6∓)* 15.Qd6+ Nce7 *(15...Qxd6 16.Nxd6 Rb8 17.f4∓)*]
13.Bxf8∓ Kxf8 14.Nd6 -1.31/21
[⌓14.Qd6+ -0.72/22 Qxd6 15.Nxd6 cxb3 16.axb3 *(16.Nxb7 bxc2 17.f4 Nge7∓)*]
14...Rb8? 0.86/23
[14...Qe7∓ -1.31/21 keeps the pressure on. and ...Rd8 should not be overlooked 15.e5 *(15.Nxb7 Qxb7 16.Bxc4 bxc4∓)* 15...cxb3]



15.Bxc4! 0.06/21 **bxc4= 16.Nxc4** -0.62/22
[16.Qd5!± 0.48/22 Qd7 17.Qc5 *(17.Nxc4 Qxd5 18.exd5 Nce7∓)*]
16...Nge7 0.23/22
[16...Kg7!∓ -0.62/22]
17.Qf3 White has compensation.
17...Qd4 18.Ne3 -0.52/22
[18.b3= 0.06/23]
18...Qe5 -0.11/22
[18...Kg7∓ -0.52/22]
19.Ng4 -0.69/22
[19.Rad1= -0.11/22]
19...Qg5∓ 20.Rad1

(Diagram)

h5! 21.Qf6 -1.41/23
[Better is 21.Ne3 -0.96/23]
21...Qxf6∓
[21...Qxg4 22.Qxh8+ Ng8 23.h3±]
22.Nxf6 aiming for Nd7+. **22...Kg7↑** -0.81/20 Keeping White busy.
[Black should play 22...Bc8 -1.54/22 23.b3 Kg7]
23.Nd7 Rbc8 24.Nc5 -1.41/21



[⩲24.Nb6 -0.83/20 Rc7 25.f4]
24...Rc7 25.Nxb7? -3.01/23
[25.h4∓ -1.11/21]
25...Rxb7-+ 26.b3 Nb4 27.Na4 Rc8
[But not 27...Nxa2 28.Rd2-+]
28.c4 Nxa2 Discovered Attack **29.Rd2 Nb4 30.Rfd1 a5 31.f3 Na6 32.Rd7** -4.46/23
[⩲32.Rd3 -3.17/22]
32...Rcb8 -2.64/22
[32...Rxb3 33.Rxe7 Nb8 34.c5∓]
[⩲32...Rxd7 -4.46/23 33.Rxd7 Nc6]
33.Rxb7? -4.32/24
[33.e5 -2.64/22]
33...Rxb7 34.Rd6 Nb8 35.Nc5 Rc7 36.Na4 Rd7 Black is clearly winning.
37.Rxd7 Nxd7 38.Kf2 Kf6 39.Ke3 Ke6 40.f4 -6.59/24
[⩲40.c5 -4.59/23 g5 41.Kd4]
40...Kd6 41.e5+ Ke6 42.Kd4 Nc6+ 43.Ke4 f6 44.exf6 Nxf6+ 45.Kd3 Kf5 46.g3 Kg4 47.Nc3 Kh3 48.Ne4 Nxe4 49.Kxe4 Kxh2 50.c5 Kxg3 51.Kd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.38
51...Nb4+
0-1

C70
□ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna 2618**
■ **Sychev,K 2572**
1st Abu Dhabi Super Blitz (10) 15.04.20
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8
[10...Nf6 11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Re3 Rb5 ½-½ Nayhebaver, M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10)]
11.Na5 0.01/20
[11.a4± 0.50/21]
11...Ba8= The position is equal. **12.a4N**
[12.c4 Nf6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qe4 Rb5 22.Nc6+ Kf8 23.Rad1 h5 24.f4 Bf5 25.Qc4 Rc5 26.Qxc5 dxc5 0-1 (71) Buckley,G (2345)-Peter,G (2235) Kingston 2nd 2023 (4) 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Ne5 Be8 29.Nd3 Rh6 30.Nxc5 Rd6 31.Kf2 Rd4 32.g3 Bb5 33.Ke3 Rd8 34.Rc1 Re8+ 35.Kf3 Re2 36.Nd7+ Ke8 37.Ne5 Rxh2 38.Rxc7 f6 39.Nf7 Bc6+ 40.Ke3 Bd7 41.Nd6+ Kd8 ½-½ (71) Buckley, S (2332)-Williams,S (2487) 4NCL Nottingham ENG 2005 (8) 42.Ra7 Rxb2 43.Nb7+ Ke8 44.Nc5 Bg4 45.Kd4 Kf8 46.Nd3 Rg2 47.Nxb4 Rxg3 48.a4 h4 49.Ra8+ Kf7 50.Rh8 g5 51.Nd5 Kg7 52.Rb8 Ra3

53.Rb7+ Kg6 54.Rb6 Rxa4+ 55.Ke3 gxf4+ 56.Nxf4+ Kg5 0-1 (71) Camilleri,H (2345)-Lewkowitz,A (2235) La (open) 108/220 2009 (4)]

12...Nf6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qf3 c6 16.Rfd1 b4 1.07/23

[16...0-0± 0.35/21]

17.Ne2± 0-0 1.70/22

[17...c5± 0.83/21]

18.Ng3+- Rb5 2.16/20

[18...c5± 1.16/20 might work better.]

19.Nb3 1.17/18

[White should try 19.Nf5+- 2.16/20]

19...c5± 20.Re1 0.44/20

[20.Be3± 1.14/20]

20...Re8 21.Nf5! Bf8 1.08/24

[21...Rb8± 0.68/18]

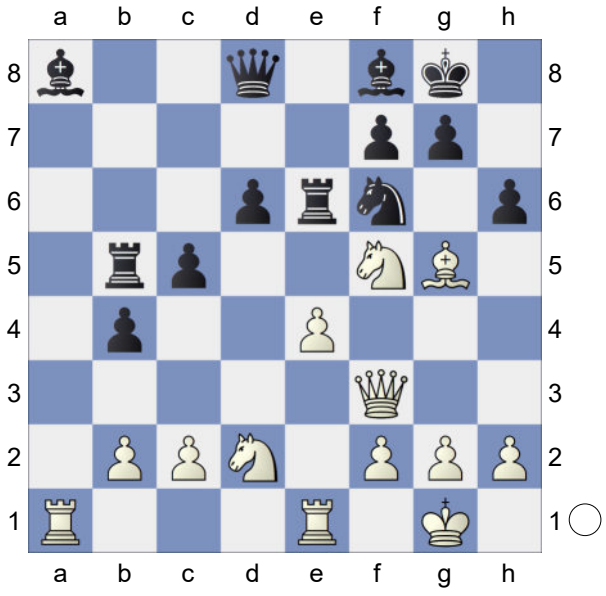
22.Bg5 Re6 23.Nd2 0.26/20

White is much more active.

[23.Nh6+± 1.01/23 gxh6 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Qxf6]

23...h6? 3.61/24

[23...Bc6= 0.26/20]



24.Bh4? -0.61/21

[Only move: 24.Nxh6+!+- 3.61/24 gxh6 25.Bxf6 *(25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Bxf6 Bg7∓)* 25...Rxf6 26.Rxa8 Deflection Qxa8 27.Qxf6]

24...g5 -0.01/18

[Better is 24...Rb8∓ -0.61/21]

25.Bg3= White now steadily converts the win. **25...d5?** 1.71/22

[25...Qe8= -0.01/23 and Black is okay.]

26.e5+- Nd7 4.12/22

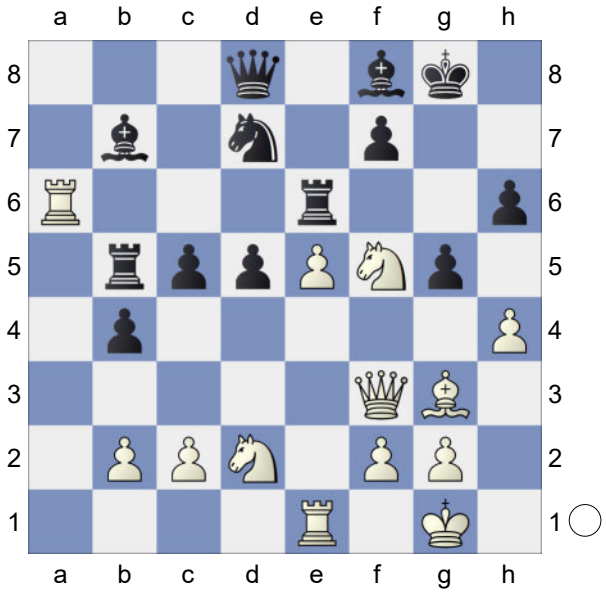
[26...Qe8± 1.59/20 27.Red1 g4]

27.h4 Bc6 28.Ra6? 1.04/21

[28.Qg4+- 3.20/21 and White stays clearly on top.]

28...Bb7? 9.49/20

[28...Rb6± 1.04/21 29.Raa1 gxh4 30.Nxh4 *(30.Bxh4 Qe8±)* 30...Qg5]



29.Rxe6! fxe6 30.Nd6 Bxd6 31.exd6 Qe8 32.hxg5

[Weaker is 32.Qg4 Nf8 33.Nf3 *(33.hxg5 h5+-)* 33...d4 34.hxg5 *(34.Ne5 b3+-)* 34...h5±]

32...Nf8 Black is weak on the dark squares **33.gxh6 Qg6** Inhibits Qg4.

34.Re5 aiming for h7+!. **34...Bc6**

35.Bh4 Nh7 Wards off Rg5 **36.Qh3** 13.90/26

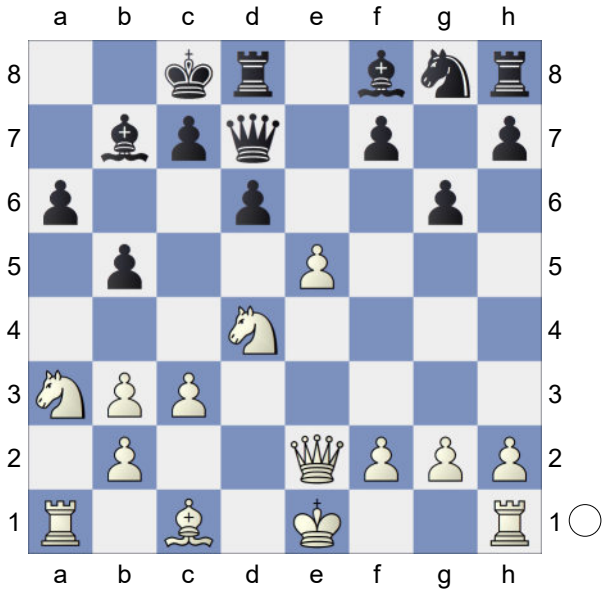
[⌓36.Rxe6 34.96/30 Qxe6 37.Qg3+ Kf8 38.Qg7+ Ke8 39.Qxh7]

36...Bd7 37.Re3 Kh8 38.Rg3 Qf7 39.Nf3 15.05/20
[⌓39.Rg7 33.43/27 Qf4 40.Rxd7]
39...Rb8 40.Ne5 Qe8 41.Ng6+ Kg8 42.Ne7+ Kh8 43.Rg7 White mates.
43...e5 44.Qd3 Nf8 45.Bf6 Nh7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=1.54
46.Qxh7#
1-0

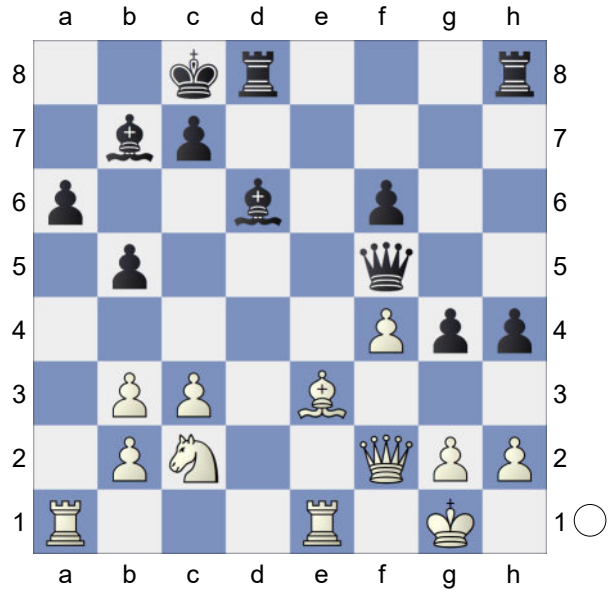
C70

□ **Bortnyk,Olexandr 2601**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Titled Tue 30th Sep 2025 blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.c3N -0.45/20
[7.Qxd4= 0.26/21
A) 7...Nxb3 8.axb3 Ne7 *(8...d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe4+ 23.Kf1* 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qd5 Bb7 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Rd1 d6 13.Bf4 Qc8 14.Qh5 0-0 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 f6 17.Rac1 Qe6 18.Re1 Ne5 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Qe2 c6 21.Nc3 Bb6 22.Rcd1 ½-½ (29) Mansfield,H-Clarke,W Leningrad 48/748 1989;
B) 7...Ne7 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.h4 d6 10.Qe3 Nxb3 11.axb3 b4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5+ Be7 14.Qe4 0-0 15.Be3 Re8 16.0-0-0 a5 17.Qg4 Bf6 18.Ng5 g6 19.h5 Bc8 20.Qh4 h6 21.hxg6 Bxg5 22.gxf7+ 0-1 (32) Santos,L-Moen,O Olympiad-21 Final B 1974 (9);
C) 7...Bb7 8.0-0 *(8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 22.Rbc1 Qd7* (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004 *)*]
7...Nxb3∓ 8.axb3 Bb7 -0.31/21
[⌓8...dxc3 -0.70/24 9.Nxc3 Bb7]
9.Nxd4 Black is slightly better. **9...d6** 0.11/22
[9...d5∓ -0.53/22]
10.Qe2 -0.39/22
[10.0-0= 0.11/22]
10...g6 11.Na3 Qd7 12.e5 -1.02/23
[12.0-0= -0.19/21]
12...0-0-0∓
[12...Bxg2 13.exd6+ Kd8 *(13...Be7? 14.Rg1+-)* 14.Rg1±]



13.0-0 dxe5 -0.43/22
[Black should play 13...Bg7∓ -1.07/22 14.exd6 Qxd6]
14.Qxe5∓ f6 White is now going downhill. **15.Qg3** -2.13/21
[15.Qe6∓ -0.43/22]
15...g5 16.f3 Ne7? -0.95/22
[16...h5-+ -2.76/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 17.Qf2 Nh6]
17.Re1? -4.24/21
[17.Qg4∓ -0.95/22 is more resistant.]
17...Nf5-+ 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Be3 Bd6 20.Qf2 -5.96/23
[20.Qh3 -3.05/23 was the only chance. Qxh3 21.gxh3]
20...g4 21.f4 White is weak on the light squares **21...h5 22.Nc2 h4**



23.Nd4 Qh5 24.Qc2 h3 25.g3 Bc5 A strong pair of Bishops. **26.Qf5+?** -6.49/30
[26.Nf5 -2.35/25 Bxe3+ 27.Rxe3]
26...Qxf5 27.Nxf5 Bxe3+ 28.Nxe3 Rd2 29.c4 Bf3 30.Rxa6 bxc4 31.bxc4 Re8? -1.73/28
[31...Rxb2? and ...Rd8 should not be overlooked 32.c5-+]
[31...Rhd8 -6.29/25 32.Nd5 Rg2+ *(32...Rxb2?* -1.10/24 32...Rg2+ -8.68 *33.Ra8+ Rb8 34.Ne7+ Kd7 35.Ra2∓)* 33.Kf1 Bxd5 *(33...Rxh2?* 0.01/21 33...Bxd5 -8.62 *34.Ra8+* Skewer, Deflection *Kb7 35.Rxd8=)* 34.cxd5 Rxd5 *(34...Rxh2? 35.Ra8+ Kd7-+)*]
[31...Rxb2 32.c5-+]
[⌓31...Rhd8 -7.82/23 32.Nd5 Rg2+ *(32...Rxb2 33.Ra8+ Rb8 34.Ne7+ Kd7 35.Ra2∓)* 33.Kf1 Bxd5 *(33...Rxh2 34.Ra8+* Skewer, Deflection *Kb7 35.Rxd8±)* 34.cxd5 Rxd5 *(34...Rxh2? 35.Re2-+)*]
32.Rxf6 -2.09/27
[⌓32.c5 -1.72/28]
32...Rxb2 Black has more active pieces.
33.f5? -11.86/26
[33.c5∓ -1.49/23]
[⌓33.c5 -1.80/27 Rd8 34.Rh6]
33...Rd8 (-> ...Rdd2) **34.Rg6 Rdd2 35.Rg8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/ Black=0.59
35...Kb7
0-1

C70

□	**Lion-Al-Messi**	**2597**
■	**ForNairobi**	**2656**
Blitz		22.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 -0.10/20
[7.0-0± 0.32/19]
[7.Qxd4 Bb7 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3 d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3*

Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004]

7...Bb7!= 8.Qh5N -0.99/21
[8.c4= 0.08/18]
[8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 C 70/04 1997]

8...Nxb3 9.axb3 -1.49/21
[9.Nxb3 -0.99/22 Nf6 *(9...Bxe4 10.Qe2∓)* 10.Qe2]

9...Nf6 -0.93/23
[9...Bxe4 10.0-0=]
[9...c5 -1.49/21 10.Ne2 Nf6 *(10...Bxe4 11.0-0∓)* 11.Qe5+ Qe7 12.Qxe7+ Bxe7]

10.Qe5+∓ Qe7 11.Qxe7+ Bxe7 12.f3 0-0 -0.24/22
[12...d5∓ -0.62/18 13.e5 Nd7]

13.Nf5= Bc5 0.42/24
[13...Bd8= -0.23/20]

14.Bg5 -0.01/23
[14.Be3± 0.42/24 Bxe3 15.Nxe3]

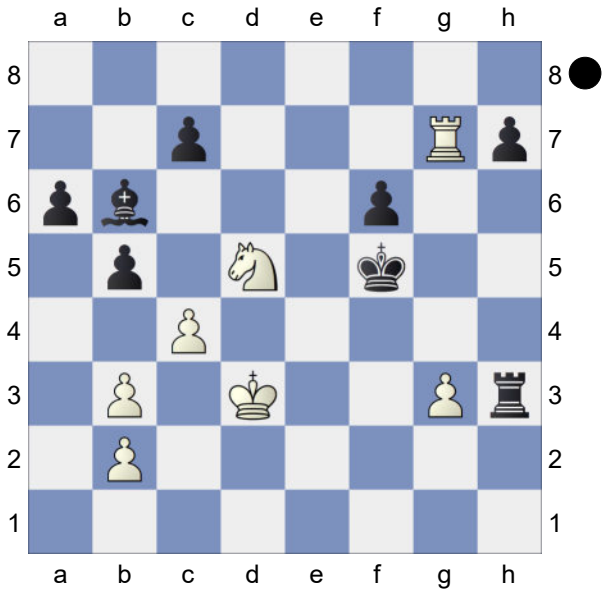
14...Rfe8 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nc3 d5 17.0-0-0 dxe4 18.fxe4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.Rd7 Bb6 21.Rhd1 Rae8 22.Nh6+? -1.88/26
[22.g4= -0.01/23 and White has nothing to worry.]

22...Kg7-+ 23.Nxf7 Strongly threatening Nd6+. **23...R8e7** -0.83/23
[⌓23...Kg6 -1.40/21 24.Nd8 Re2]

24.Nd8∓ Kg6 25.Nc6 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 Endgame KRB-KRN **26...Re1+ 27.Kd2 Rg1 28.g3 Rg2+ 29.Kd3 Rxh2 30.Ne7+ Kg5 31.Nd5** -1.57/23
[Better is 31.Rd8 -1.17/24]

31...Rh3 -0.67/28
[31...h5∓ -1.57/23 32.Rg7+ Kf5]

32.Rg7+∓ Kf5 33.c4? -2.41/21
[33.Nf4∓ -0.77/23 Rh6 34.Nd5]



33...bxc4+? -0.44/24
[33...Bf2!-+ -2.41/21 34.Nxc7 Bxg3 *(34...Rxg3+ 35.Rxg3 bxc4+ 36.bxc4=)* 35.Nxa6 Be5+ 36.Kc2 h5 *(36...bxc4 37.bxc4 Rh2+ 38.Kd3∓)* 37.cxb5 Rh2+ Deflection 38.Kd3 h4 *(38...Bxb2 39.b6±; 38...Rxb2 39.Nc5=)*]

34.bxc4 Bf2 35.Rxc7 Bxg3 36.Rc6 Be5+ 37.Kc2? -3.67/23
[White must play 37.Ke2∓ -0.46/22]

37...Rh2+ 38.Kd3 Rxb2? -0.62/26
[38...h5-+ -2.54/22 39.Rxa6 Rxb2 *(39...Bxb2 40.c5∓)* 40.Ne3+ Kf4 41.Nd5+ Kf5]

39.Rxa6 -1.00/23
[39.Ne7+∓ -0.62/26 Kg5 40.Rxa6]

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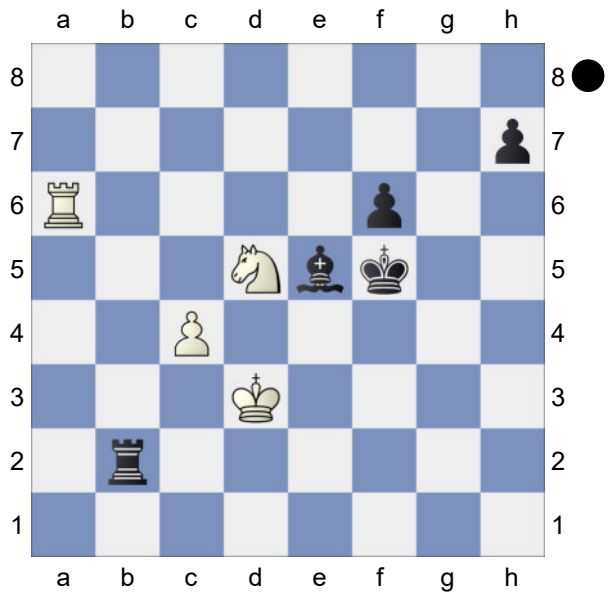
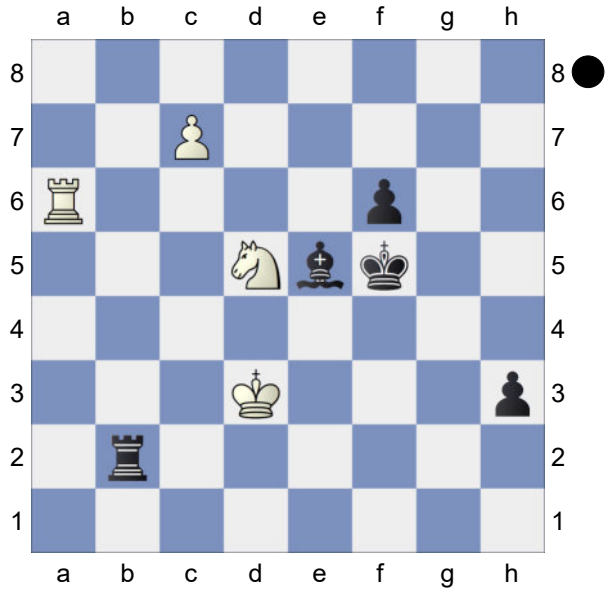


39...Rb3+!∓ 40.Kc2 Rb2+ 0.01/19
[Black should play 40...Rb8∓ -1.21/22 Strongly threatening ...h5. 41.Ra5 h5 42.Ne7+ Ke4]
41.Kd3= h5 42.c5? -3.69/20
[42.Ne7+∓ -0.37/22 Kg4 43.Nd5]
42...h4-+ 43.c6 h3? -0.21/20
[43...Rb3+-+ -3.67/20 44.Kc2 Rb5]
44.c7=



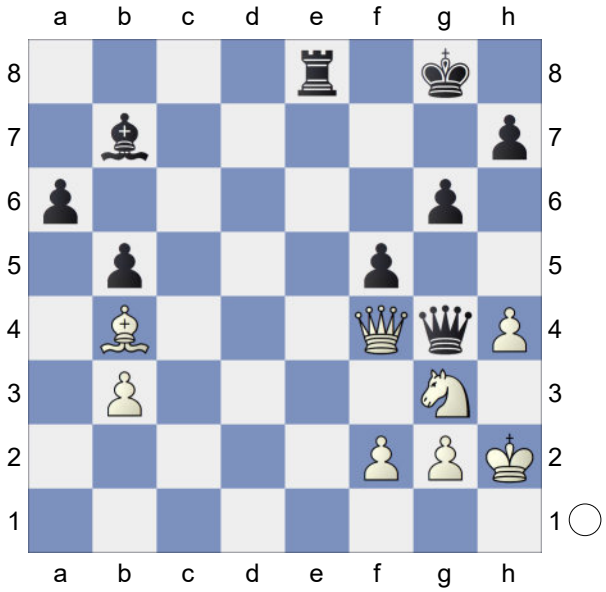
Bxc7 45.Nxc7 KRN-KR **45...h2 46.Ra1 Kf4** Black has compensation. The position is equal. **47.Nd5+ Kg3 48.Ne3** Repels f5 **48...Rb8 49.Ke2 Re8 50.Rf1 f5 51.Rf3+ Kh4⇄** Black is not holding back **52.Rf4+ Kh3**
[52...Kh5!? 53.Rxf5+□ Kh4=]
53.Rf3+ Kh4 54.Rf4+ Kg3 55.Rf3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.39
55...Kh4
½-½

C70
□ **ioste17** **2586**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2641**
Blitz 09.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Nf5N -0.38/21
[9.Bd2± 0.44/20
A) 9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 11.Nc3 *(11.Na5 Ba8 12.c4 Nf6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qe4 Rb5 22.Nc6+ Kf8 23.Rad1 h5 24.f4 Bf5 25.Qc4 Rc5* 0-1 (71) Buckley, G (2345)-Peter,G (2235) Kingston 2nd 2023 (4) *)* 11...Nf6 12.Re1 Be7 13.a4 0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qf3 Re8 16.Nd4 b4 17.Nd5 c5 18.Nf5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Bf4 Ra8 22.Rd1 Qd7 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.h3 0-1 (55) Schneider,I (2525)-Bethke,R (2381) GER-ch blitz 2022 (10);
B) 9...c5 10.Qe1 Nxb3 11.Nxb3]
[9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 *(10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Be7 15.a3*

Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 2006) 10...g6 11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]
[9.a4 c5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Nf5 g6 12.Nh6 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.Re1 Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Ng4 18.Bg7 Rg8 19.Bc3 b4 20.h3 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.c3 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (1)]

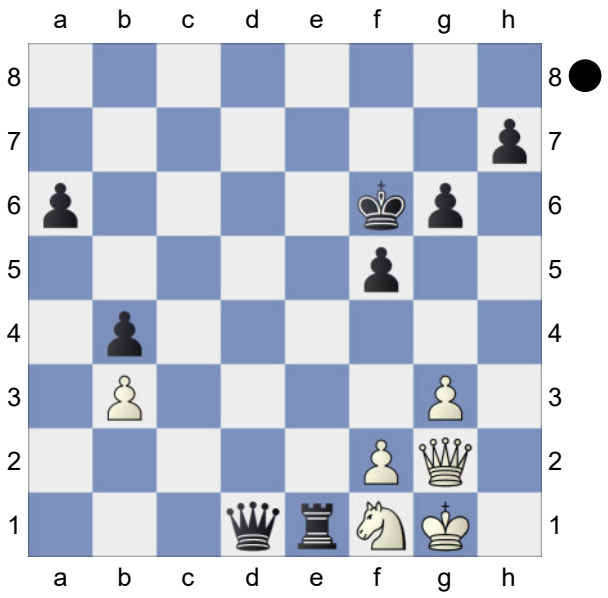
9...g6∓ 10.Ng3 Bg7 11.Nc3
Black is slightly better. **11...Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7** 0.06/19
[12...Nf6∓ -0.51/18]
13.Nd5 -0.51/21
[13.Be3= 0.06/19]
13...Nxd5 14.exd5 0-0 15.c4 Qd7 -0.31/19
[Black should try 15...Re8∓ -0.80/21]
16.Qc2 -1.46/21
[16.Be3∓ -0.31/19]
16...c6∓ 17.Rd1 cxd5 18.cxd5 Rac8 19.Qd3 Rfe8 20.h3 -2.48/22
[20.Qf3∓ -1.25/19]
20...Rc5-+ 21.Qf3 f5? -0.75/21
[21...Re5-+ -2.30/23 has better winning chances. 22.Ne4 Rcxd5 *(22...Bxd5 23.Nxc5 dxc5 24.Qg3±)*]
White does not recover from this. **22.h4?** -2.59/23
[22.Be3∓ -0.75/21 might work better.]
22...Qf7 23.Bf4 Bxb2 A strong pair of Bishops.
[Not 23...Bxd5 24.Qd3∓]
24.Bxd6? -7.96/23
[24.Ra2 -2.76/21 Be5 *(24...Bxd5 25.Rxd5 Qxd5 26.Rxb2∓)* 25.Bxe5 dxe5 *(25...Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Qxd5 27.Bf4±)* 26.Rad2]
24...Rxd5 Black is clearly winning.
25.Qf4 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Qd7 27.Bb4 Rd1+ 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Qg4
[Stronger than 29...Qxb3 30.Nxf5 Bxg2 *(30...gxf5 31.Qg5+ Kf7 32.Qxf5+ Kg8 33.Qg5+ Kf7 34.Qf5+ Kg8 35.Qg5+ Kf7 36.Qf5+=)* 31.Nh6+ Kg7 32.Kxg2=]



Deflection **30.Qc7 Qxh4+ 31.Kg1 Qxb4 32.Qxb7** Endgame KQR-KQN **32...Re1+ 33.Nf1 Qd6 34.Qc8+ Kf7 35.Qb7+ Kf6** (-> ...Rxf1+!) **36.Qf3 b4** and ...a5 would now be decisive **37.g3 Qd1 38.Qg2**

(Diagram)

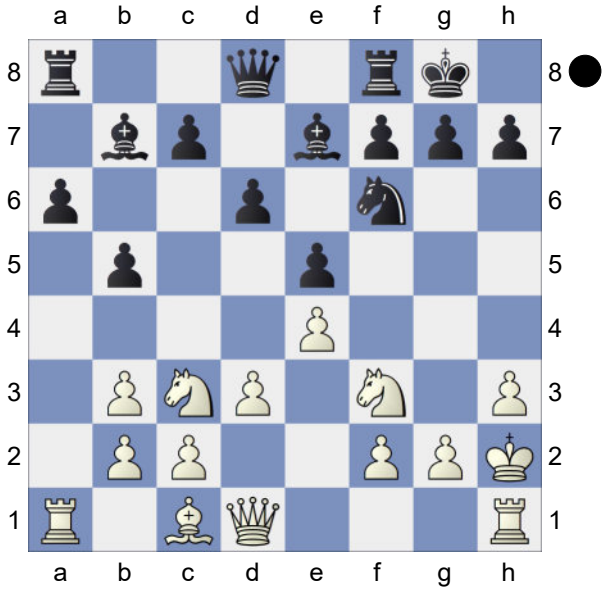
Rxf1+! 39.Qxf1 Qxf1+
[39...Qxb3 40.Qxa6+ Ke5 41.Qb7-+]
40.Kxf1
Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/ Black=0.27 (precise)
40...Ke5
0-1



C70

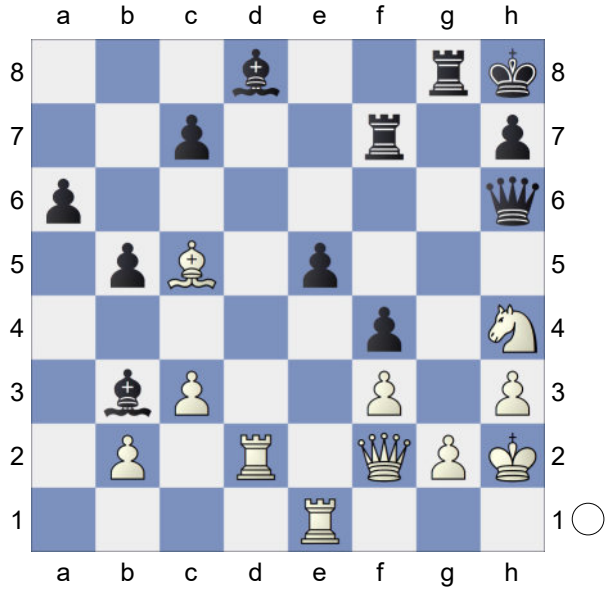
□ **Wanishment** **2579**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2664**
Blitz 24.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Kf1N -0.92/21
[6.Nc3± 0.65/19 d6 7.0-0 Nxb3 8.axb3 Bb7 9.d4 f6 10.Nh4 Ne7 *(10...Qd7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Qxd4 f5 14.Be3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Ne7 16.Bf2 c5 17.Qd3 Nd5 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Rae1 h6 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.f5 Rg8 22.Bg3 Qc6 23.Ng6 c4 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Rf2* 1-0 (45) 9.♘d2 a5/ 14.♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2655)-Aigner,J (2445) op Lone Pine 1981 *)* 11.d5 Qd7 12.f4 b4 13.Na4 exf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.c4 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Stertenbrink,G (2286)-Schellingerhout,J (2409) HMC Calder Cup 2014]
[6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
[6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Qg5 8.Nf3 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 10.Rg3 Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7)]
6...d6∓ 7.d3 Bb7 -0.51/20
[7...Nxb3∓ -0.96/20 8.axb3 Bb7]
8.Nc3 -1.02/18
[8.Bd5∓ -0.51/20]
8...Nf6 9.h3 Be7 10.Kg1 0-0 11.Kh2 Nxb3 12.axb3

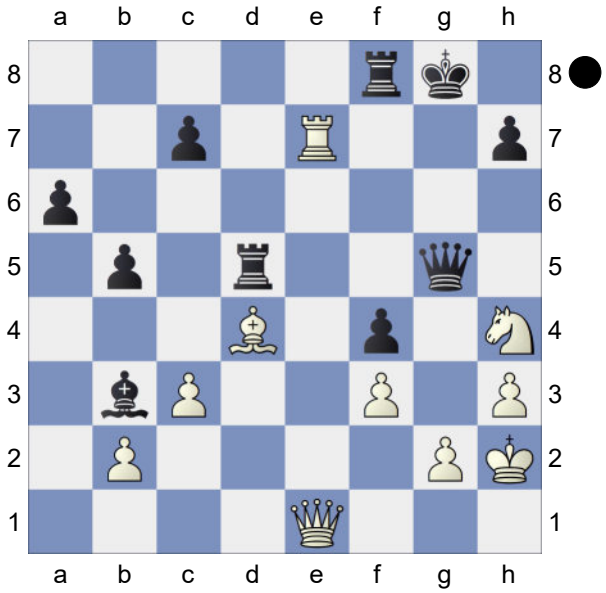


d5! 13.Qe2 -1.61/21
[13.exd5∓ -1.18/21 Nxd5 14.Nxe5]
13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.dxe4 f6 -0.32/23
[15...f5∓ -1.32/20 16.Nd2 Qd7]
16.Rd1 Qe8 17.Nh4 g6! Prevents Nf5
18.Bh6 Rf7 19.Rd2 -1.78/22
[19.Qg4∓ -0.37/20]

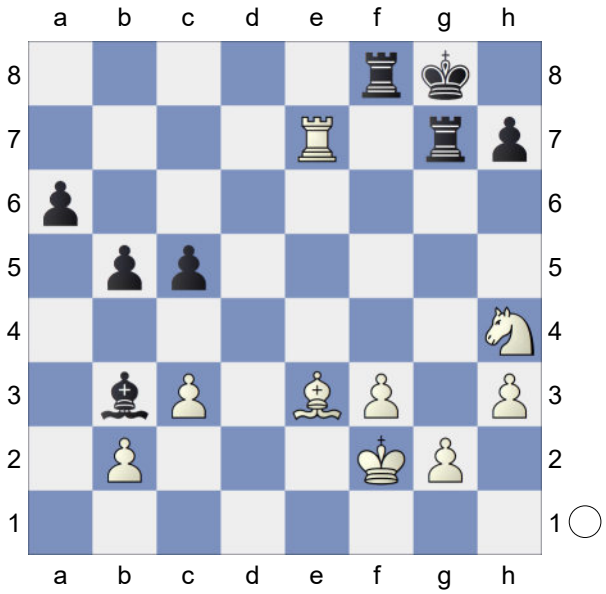
19...Qc6-+ 20.Re1 -0.41/19
[20.c4-+ -1.69/21]
20...Bb4 21.c3 Be7 22.Qg4 Bc8 23.Qg3 Kh8! 24.Red1 -1.44/21
[24.f4= -0.06/21 exf4 25.Qxf4]
24...Be6!∓
[24...Qxe4? 25.Rd8++-]
25.f3? -3.20/21
[25.c4∓ -1.08/23]
25...Bxb3-+ 26.Rc1 Rg8 27.Be3 -3.39/21
[27.c4 -1.98/20 was forced.]
27...Qe6 28.Ra1 -3.53/21
[⌓28.Qf2 -2.43/22]
28...f5 29.exf5 gxf5 30.Qf2 f4
White is weak on the light squares
31.Bc5 Bd8 32.Re1 Qh6? 0.53/22
[32...Qf6-+ -4.76/22 33.Rxe5 Qxh4
(33...Qxe5? loses. *34.Bd4+-* Pin *)*]



33.Rxd8!± Rxd8 34.Rxe5 Kg8? 3.22/23
[34...Be6± 0.73/23]
35.Bd4? 0.01/26
[White should play 35.Nf5+- 3.22/23 Rxf5 36.Rxf5]
35...Rd5= aiming for ...Rxe5. **36.Re8+ Rf8 37.Qe1 Qg5?** #1/6
[37...c5∓ -0.49/24 38.Bf2 Bc4]
38.Re7? -0.01/30
[38.Qe6# #1/6 mates]



38...Qg3+! Decoy **39.Qxg3+ fxg3+ 40.Kxg3** Rg7+ would now be deadly.
40...Rg5+ 41.Kf2 c5 42.Be3 Rg7 1.13/21
[42...Rd5= 0.01/23]



43.Re6? -9.05/23
Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/ Black=0.65

43...Bxe6
0-1

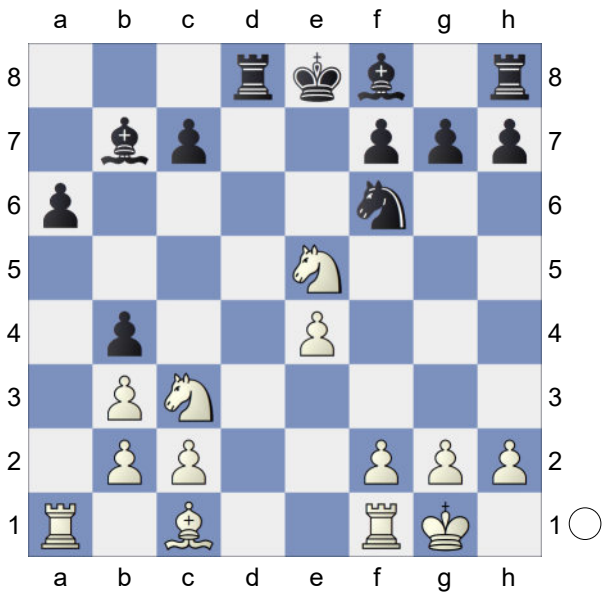
C70

□ **Egor-Kovalev** **2575**
■ **Nebonik** **2448**
Blitz 13.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nc3
[6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 ½-½ (24) Nayhebaver,M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10)]
6...d6 7.0-0 0.07/22
[7.d4± 0.44/22]
7...Nf6N
[7...Nxb3 8.axb3 Bb7 9.d4 f6 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.d5 Qd7 12.f4 b4 13.Na4 exf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.c4 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Schwartz,Y (2286)-Lapshun, Y (2409) 83/(321) New York 2001]
8.d4 White has an edge. **8...Nxb3** 1.02/21
[8...exd4= 0.07/21 9.Nxd4 c5]
9.axb3± Bb7 1.32/22
[⌓9...exd4 0.96/20 10.Nxd4 Bd7]
10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ 0.93/21
[⌓11.Nxe5 1.32/24 Bd6 12.Ng4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Qe1]
11...Rxd8 12.Nxe5 b4

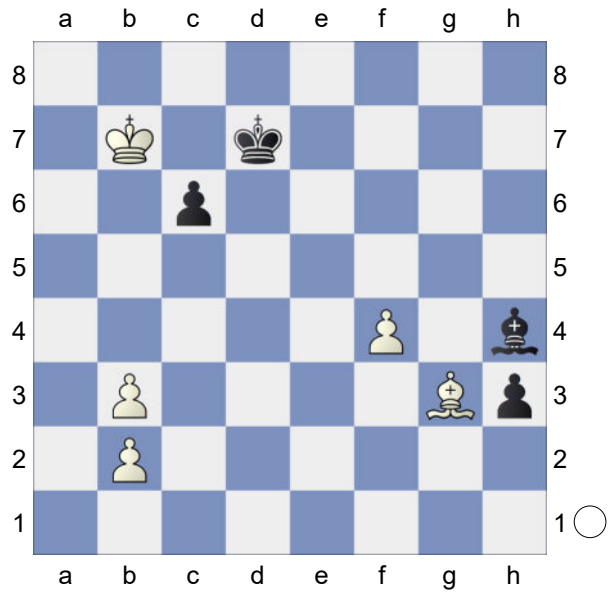
(Diagram)

13.Nd5 -0.01/20 **Nxd5= 14.exd5 Rxd5**



15.Re1 Be7 16.Nd3 a5 0.58/21
[Black should try 16...Kd8= -0.01/19]
17.Re5 0.22/24
[17.Bf4± 0.58/21]
17...Rxe5 18.Nxe5 Bf6 0.99/24
[18...0-0= 0.14/23]
19.Nd3 0.61/22
[19.Rxa5± 0.99/24 Ke7 20.Bd2]
19...0-0 1.85/23
[19...Be4± 0.61/22]
20.Rxa5+- Be4 2.09/21
[20...h6± 1.57/21]
21.Bd2? 0.01/23
[21.Nxb4+- 2.09/21 Hoping for f3. Rd8 22.f3 Rd1+ 23.Kf2 Rxc1 24.fxe4 Bd4+ 25.Ke2]
21...Bxd3 0.46/21
[21...Rd8= 0.01/23]
22.cxd3= Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **22...Rd8 23.Kf1 Rxd3?** 3.62/25
[23...Bxb2± 0.67/21 24.Bxb4 g6]
24.Ra8++-
[24.Bxb4 h6=]
24...Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.Bxb4 KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **26...f6** 4.63/25
[26...f5 2.99/25 was necessary. 27.f4

c6]
27.Ke2 Kf7 28.Kd3 Ke6 29.Kc4 Kd7 30.g4 g6 31.Kb5 c6+ 32.Ka6? 1.11/29
[32.Kc4+- 3.36/26 and White stays clearly on top.]
32...f5± 33.h3 -7.23/26
[33.gxf5± 1.52/27 gxf5 34.Bc3]
33...fxg4-+ 34.hxg4 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.f3 h4 Threatens to win with ...h3.
37.Be1 h3 (-> ...h2) **38.Bg3 Bc7 39.f4 Bd8 40.Kb7 Bh4**

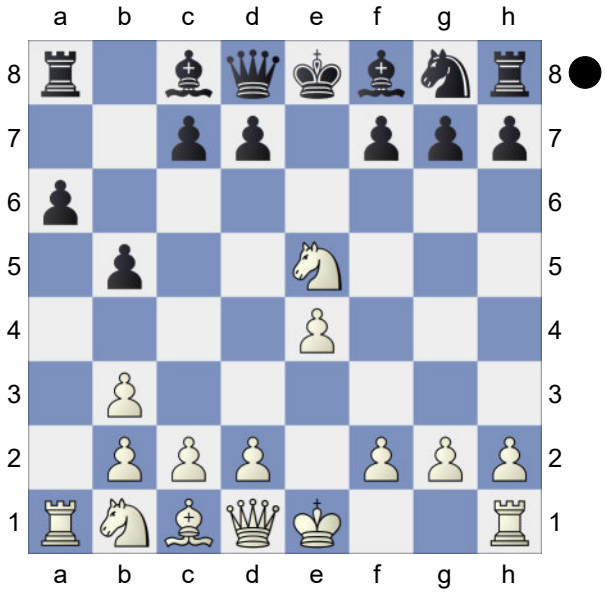


Deflection, Promotion **41.Bh2 Be1 42.f5 Bb4?** -0.63/26
[42...Bh4-+ -5.92/26 43.Kb6 Bf2+ 44.Kb7 c5]
43.f6∓ Bd6 -0.02/30
[43...Ke6∓ -0.80/35 44.Kxc6 Kxf6]
44.f7!= White wants to mate with Bxd6.
44...Bf8 45.b4 -0.98/34 **Ke6** -0.50/30
[45...Bxb4∓ -0.98/34 46.Kb6 Be7]
46.b5? -10.84/23 **cxb5-+ 47.Kc6 Kxf7?** -1.19/26
[47...b4-+ -9.06/29 has better winning chances. 48.b3 Kxf7]
48.Kxb5∓ Ke6 49.b4? -11.79/25
[49.Kc4∓ -0.88/22]
Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.81
49...Bd6
0-1

C70

□ **Aeroplanino77** **2569**
■ **BrianShaw** **2564**
Blitz 24.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3



Qg5
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]
8.d4N -1.06/22
[8.Nf3= 0.08/20 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 10.Rg3 *(10.Nc3 Bb7 11.d4 d6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bf4 Bg7* C 70/04

1997) 10...Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 (*12...g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 25.Rga1 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Rb7 27.Ra4* 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7)) 13.Be3 g6 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.Ra2 c6 16.Qa1 Kc7 17.Rxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Rc8 19.Ndxb5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+ Ke7 21.Nd5+ 1-0 Da Silvo Filho-Franke,J Tele-sim Tal-AUS [Tal 1974]

8...Qxg2∓ 9.Qf3 Qxf3 Black is better.

10.Nxf3 Bb7 11.Nbd2 -1.56/19

[11.0-0 -0.93/19]

11...Nf6 -0.80/20

[11...f5 -1.56/19 12.e5 0-0-0]

12.e5 -1.25/21

[12.0-0 -0.80/20]

12...Nd5 Black is more active. **13.Rg1** -1.60/20

[Better is 13.Kd1 -1.10/20]

13...0-0-0? 0.01/20

[Black should play 13...d6∓ -1.60/20 14.exd6 cxd6 (*14...Bxd6 15.Rxg7 h6 16.c4∓*)]

14.c3? -1.77/21 Prevents Nb4

[14.Ng5= 0.01/20 Nb4 15.Kd1]

14...f6 15.exf6 -2.03/20

[15.c4∓ -1.44/20 Nb4 16.Kf1]

15...gxf6 -1.07/22

[15...Re8+-+ -2.03/20 16.Kf1 Nxf6 (*16...gxf6 17.Nh4∓*)]

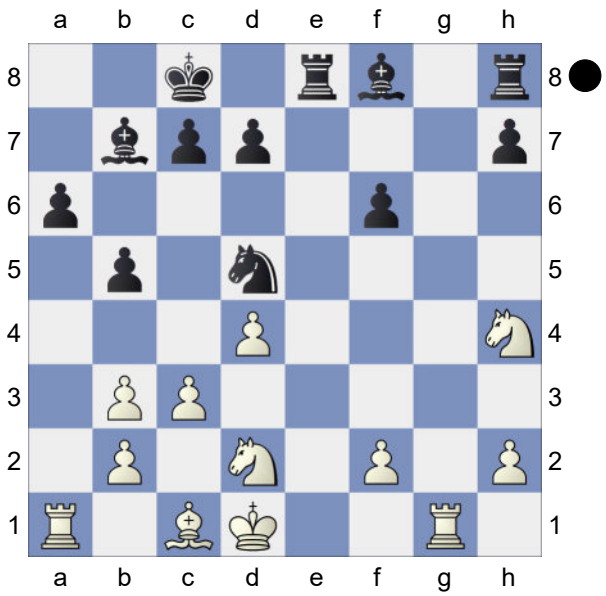
16.Kd1 -2.11/22

[16.Kf1∓ -1.07/22 might work better.]

16...Re8 17.Nh4

(Diagram)

c5 -0.53/22



[17...Nf4!-+ -1.73/21 ...Nd3 is the strong threat. 18.f3 Nd3]

18.Ndf3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 b4 0.01/22

[19...Bd6∓ -0.66/20]

20.c4= Bc5 21.Nhf5 Ne7 22.Be3 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 Bf3+ 0.69/23 A strong pair of Bishops.

[23...Re5= 0.06/23 24.Bxc5 Rxf5]

24.Kd2± Bf8 3.83/23

[24...Re5± 0.48/22 25.Bxc5 Rxc5]

25.Rxa6+- Black is weak on the dark squares **25...Be4 26.Rxf6 d5 27.Ra1 dxc4 28.bxc4 Re5 29.Nd4 Bb7** 6.34/20

[⌓29...Be7 4.29/23]

30.Rf7 Bc5 31.Nb5 Rd8+ 32.Kc2? 0.37/25

[32.Ke2+- 3.35/22 and Rc7+ would now be decisive Bxe3 33.fxe3]

32...Bxe3± 33.fxe3 Rxe3 (-> ...Be4+)

34.Rg1? -2.11/29

[34.Rxh7? leads to mate. Be4+ 35.Kc1 Re1#]

[34.Rd1± 0.39/25 stays ahead. Be4+ (*34...Re2+? 35.Kc1+-*) 35.Kc1 Rxd1+ 36.Kxd1]

34...Be4+-+ Black has strong compensation. **35.Kc1** What a bad

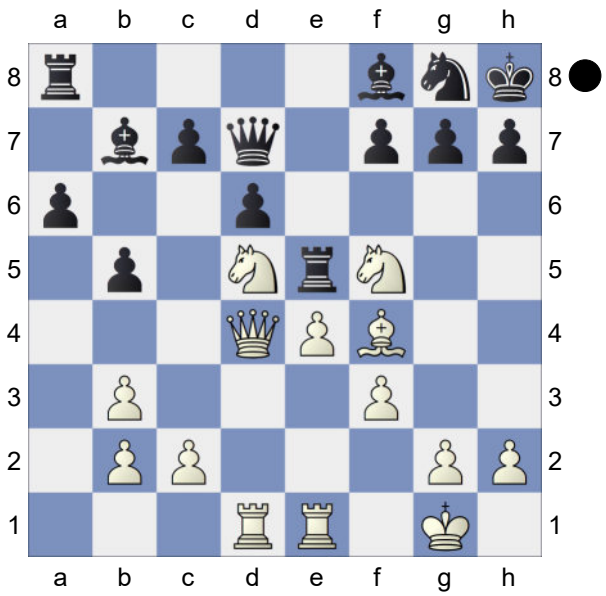
dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=0.71
35...Re2
0-1

C70
□ **maxnov_kon** **2567**
■ **KairovKBR** **2525**
Blitz 20.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
Inf.26/276 Parma,B: 'Inf 26/276' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Re1**
[9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 Nd4 23.Qd3 Rxa4 –-– Sethuraman,S (2656)-15.♘c4 0-0 16.♕e5 ♖ab8 (2688) (ch) 62/(92) 1994]
[9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 ½-½ Nayh Nayhebaver,M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10)]
9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Nf6N
[10...g6 11.c4 b4 12.Nc2 a5 13.Qd4 f6 14.Bf4 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #6]
[10...Ne7 11.Nc3 Nc6 *(11...Qd7 12.Qf3 c5 13.Nde2 Ng6 14.Ng3 Be7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 0-0 17.Qf5 Rfd8 18.Qxd7 Rxd7 19.Bd2 Bf6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 a5 22.Nf5 Kf8 23.Kf1 Ne7 24.Ne3 Rda7 25.Reb1 g6 26.Ke2* 0-1 (64) Panov,V-Bondarevsky,I Moscow-ch25 Final 1946 (2) *)* 12.Nd5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 f6 14.Bd2 c5 15.Qd3 Be7 16.Ba5 Qd7 17.Nc7+ Kf7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Rad1 Kg8 20.Bd2 Bf8 21.Bf4 Qe6 22.Qg3 Rd8 23.h4 Rd7 24.Rd3 c4 25.bxc4 1-0 (29) Parma,B (2540)-Hoen,R (2380) Olympiad-23 Buenos Aires 1978 (3)]
11.Nc3 Be7 12.Nf5 0-0 13.Bg5 Re8 14.f3 0.51/20 White has more active pieces.
[14.Qd2± 0.98/22]
14...Kh8 1.33/20
[14...b4± 0.51/20]
15.Qd2 0.57/19
[15.Qd4!± 1.33/20]
15...Qd7 0.93/20
[15...Ng8± 0.57/19 16.Qd4 f6]
16.Rad1 Ng8 17.Qd4 Bf8 18.Nd5 Black is weak on the dark squares
18...Re5 1.04/19
[Black should play 18...h6± 0.37/19 19.Bh4 *(19.Bxh6 Nxh6 20.Nxh6 c5∓)* 19...a5]
19.Bf4? -3.03/21
[19.c4!± 1.04/19 stays on course.]

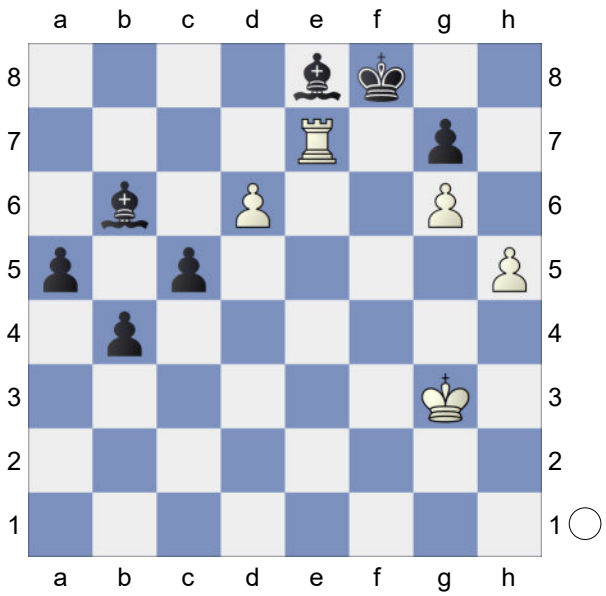
(Diagram)

19...Rxd5!-+ Deflection **20.exd5** aiming for g4. **20...Qxf5 21.c4 Nf6 22.g4 Qg6 23.Rd2 b4 24.Rde2 Kg8 25.Kf2 Nd7 26.h4?** -4.07/21
[26.Re8∓ -1.47/21]
26...h5 27.Rg1 Nc5 28.Qe3 -6.01/21

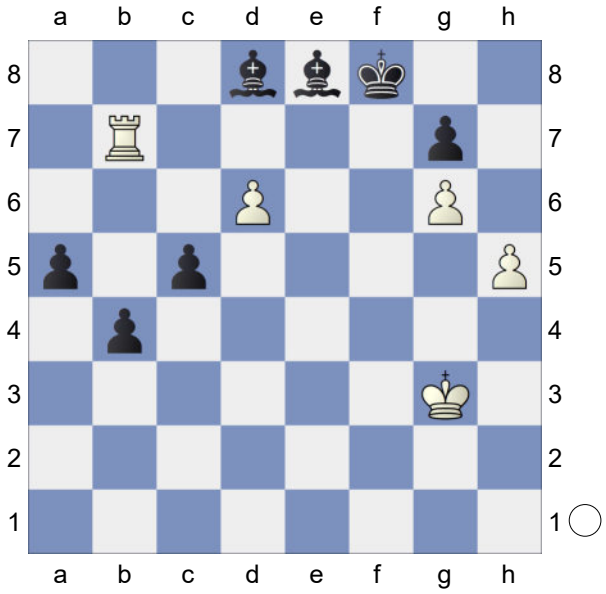


[⌓28.gxh5 -4.14/20 Qxh5 29.Rg4]
28...Nd3+ 29.Kg3 Ne5 30.Qe4 Qxe4
[30...hxg4 31.Qxg6 Nxg6 32.fxg4-+]
31.Rxe4 hxg4 32.fxg4 c6 33.Rd1 cxd5 34.cxd5 a5 35.h5 f6 36.Kh3 -5.70/22
[⌓36.g5 -3.82/21]
36...Rc8 37.Bxe5 -6.83/22
[⌓37.Red4 -4.64/22]
37...fxe5 38.Rc4 Rxc4 39.bxc4 Be7 40.Ra1 Bd8 41.b3 Bb6 42.g5 Bc8+ 43.Kg3 Bf5 44.g6 Bc2 45.c5? -9.25/24
[45.Rf1 -3.97/22 e4 *(45...Bxb3 46.Rf7∓)* 46.Rf7]
45...dxc5
[Weaker is 45...Bxc5 46.Rxa5 Kf8 *(46...Bxb3 47.Ra8#)* 47.Ra8+ Ke7 48.h6 Bxg6 49.hxg7+-]
46.d6 Bxb3 47.Re1 Kf8 48.Rxe5 Ba4! aiming for ...b3. **49.Re7 Be8??** 18.32/28
[49...Bc6-+ -8.87/22 50.h6 gxh6 51.g7+ Kg8]

(Diagram)



50.Rb7!+- Bd8



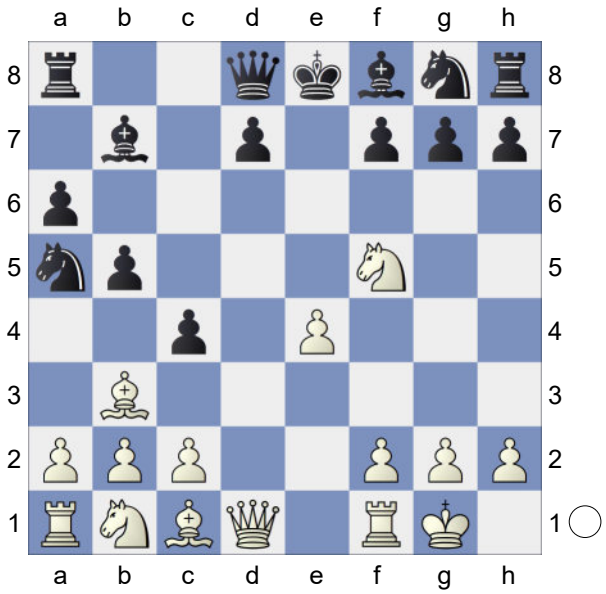
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.59
51.Rb8!
[Don't go for 51.d7? Bxg6 52.hxg6 a4-+ *(52...Ke7 53.Kf2∓)*]
1-0

C70

□ **Tregubov,Pavel V.** **2546**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2483**
Titled Tuesday 17. Aug (10) 17.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

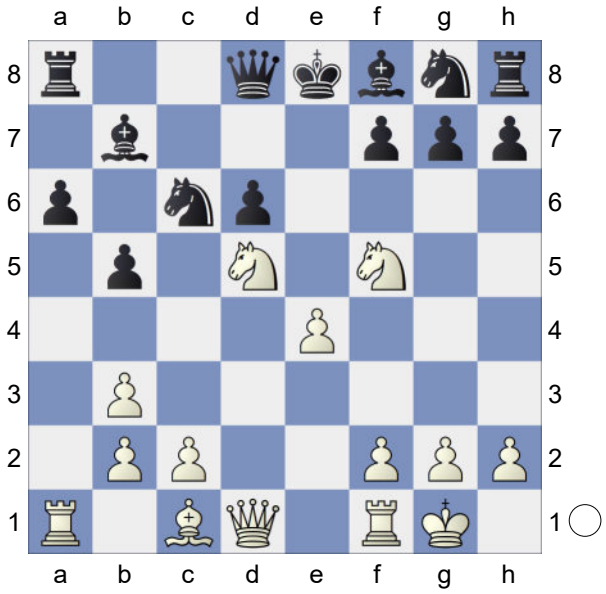
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4
[7.Qxd4 Bb7 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3 d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1* 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004]
7...Bb7 8.0-0N
[8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 C 70/04 1997]
8...c5! 9.Nf5 The position is equal.
9...c4!

(Diagram)

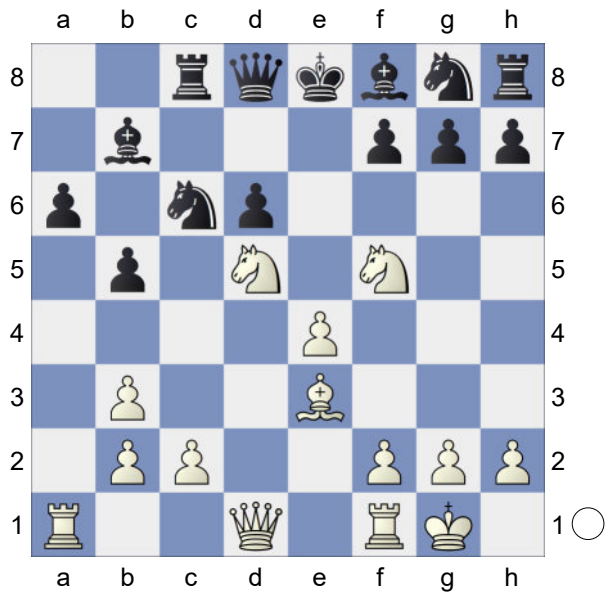


10.Nc3! cxb3 11.axb3 Nc6! 12.Nd5 d6 0.82/21
[12...g6= 0.01/19 13.Ng3 Bc5]

(Diagram)



13.Be3!± and Bb6 would now be decisive. White has strong compensation. **13...Rc8**



White does not recover from this.
14.Qg4 -2.39/20
[14.c4!± 0.89/21]
14...g6-+ 15.Rfe1? -3.98/20
[15.Nd4 -2.12/19]
15...Ne5 Discovered Attack
[Less strong is 15...gxf5 16.exf5 Nce7 17.Bb6∓]
16.Qh3 gxf5 Black is clearly winning.
17.Bb6 Qg5 18.f4 Qg4 19.fxe5 Qxh3 20.gxh3 dxe5 21.Nc7+ Kd7 22.Rad1+ Kc6 23.Nd5 Ne7 24.Ba5 Nxd5 25.Rxd5 fxe4 26.Rxe5 Bc5+ 27.Kf1 Rhe8 28.R1xe4 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Kd7 30.Bc3 Bd6 31.Rh5 Be4 32.Ke2 Bxc2 33.Kd2 Bg6 34.Rd5 Ke6 35.Rd4 Be5 36.Rh4 Bxc3+ 37.bxc3 Endgame KRB-KR **37...Rd8+ 38.Kc1 Rd3 39.Kb2 Rd2+ 40.Ka3 Rxh2** Hoping for ...a5. **41.Kb4 Ke5 42.c4 bxc4 43.bxc4 Rc2 44.Rg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
44...f5
0-1

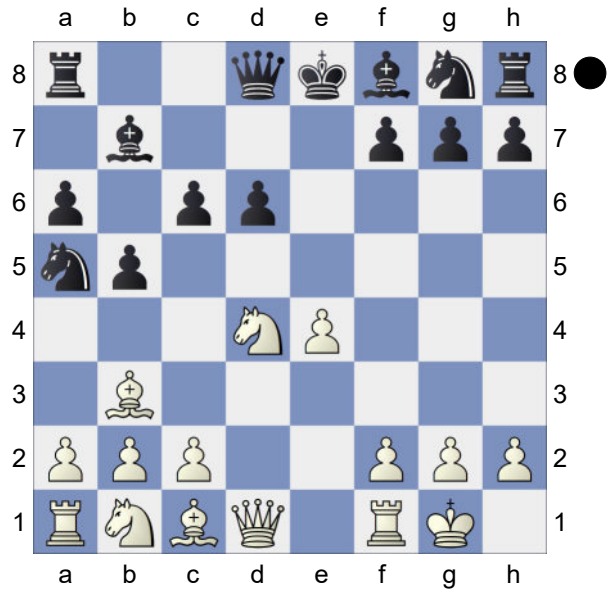
C70
□ **Stallion28** **2545**
■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2585**
Blitz 01.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd5N -0.44/18
[White should play 9.Bd2± 0.55/20
A) 9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 11.Nc3 *(11.Na5 Ba8 12.c4 Nf6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qe4 Rb5 22.Nc6+ Kf8 23.Rad1 h5 24.f4 Bf5 25.Qc4 Rc5* 0-1 (71) Buckley, G (2345)-Peter,G (2235) Kingston 2nd 2023 (4) *)* 11...Nf6 12.Re1 Be7 13.a4 0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qf3 Re8 16.Nd4 b4 17.Nd5 c5 18.Nf5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Bf4 Ra8 22.Rd1 Qd7 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.h3 0-1 (55) Schneider,I (2525)-Bethke,R (2381) GER-ch blitz 2022 (10);
B) 9...c5 10.Qe1 Nxb3 11.Nxb3]
[9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 *(10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Be7 15.a3* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 2006 *)* 10...g6 11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0 1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]

[9.a4 c5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Nf5 g6 12.Nh6 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.Re1 Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Ng4 18.Bg7 Rg8 19.Bc3 b4 20.h3 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.c3 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 (1)]

9...c6∓ 10.Bb3 -1.40/19

[10.b4!= -0.01/18 remains equal.]



10...c5!∓ 11.Bxf7+? -2.82/19 **Kxf7-+ 12.Nf3 Nf6**

[12...Bxe4? 13.Ng5+ Ke8 14.Nxe4+-]

13.Re1 Nxe4

[13...Bxe4? 14.Ng5+ Ke8 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4+ Kd7 17.Nc3+-]

14.Rxe4 Bxe4 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Nxe4 d5 17.Ng5 -2.58/20

[⌓17.Ng3 -1.82/19]

17...Qd7 18.Nc3 d4

[18...h6 19.Nf3-+]

19.Nce4 -3.26/18

[19.Ne2 -2.25/18 was worth a try.]

19...h6 20.Nf3 Re8 21.Ng3 Qd5 22.h4 -4.39/20

[⌓22.Bf4 -2.87/17]

22...Bd6 23.Nf1 Nc6 24.c3 c4 -2.29/21

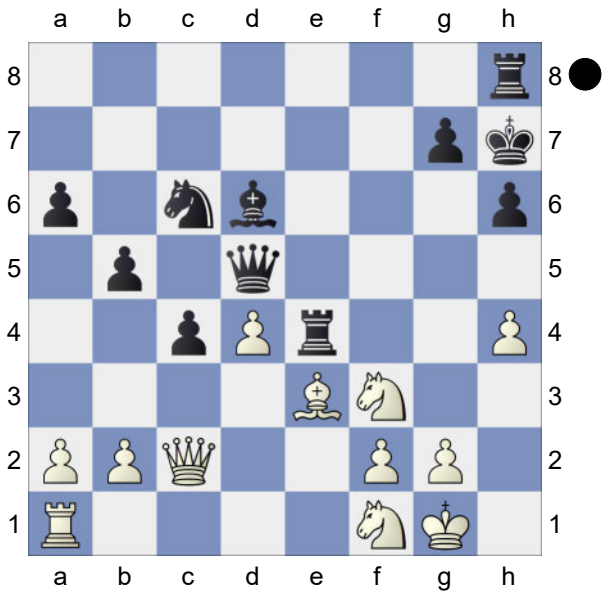
[⌓24...Ne5 -4.85/18 25.Nxe5 Bxe5]

25.cxd4 Re4 26.Be3 -2.82/20

[⌓26.Ne3 -1.97/19 Qh5 27.Qd2]

26...Kh7 27.Qc2? -4.28/18

[27.N1d2 -1.74/19 Re6 28.b3]



27...Nb4! 28.Qb1 Nd3 29.N1d2 -6.86/20

[⌓29.Ne1 -4.54/20 Nxe1 *(29...Rxh4 30.Nxd3 cxd3 31.Qxd3+ Qe4 32.Qxe4+ Rxe4 33.a4∓)* 30.Qxe1]

29...Rg4 aiming for ...Rf8. **30.b3 Rf8 31.bxc4 bxc4 32.Kf1 Bb4?** -0.46/21

[32...Bf4-+ -6.70/20 33.Bxf4 Rfxf4]

33.Qc2? -30.90/26

[33.Nxc4∓ -0.46/21 Qe4 *(33...Qxc4 34.Ne5±)* 34.Nce5 Nxe5 Overworked Piece 35.Nxe5 Rxh4 36.Ke2 *(36.Qxb4?* loses. *Qxe3 37.Qb1+ Kg8-+)* 36...Qxb1 37.Rxb1]

33...Bxd2 34.Bxd2 Rxf3 Black mates.

35.gxf3 Qxf3 36.Bc3 White is weak on the light squares **36...Rxh4 37.Qe2** Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/ Black=0.41

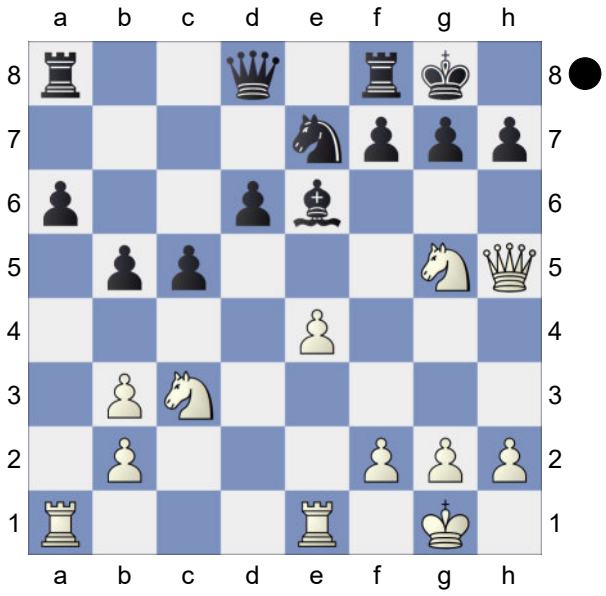
37...Rh1#

0-1

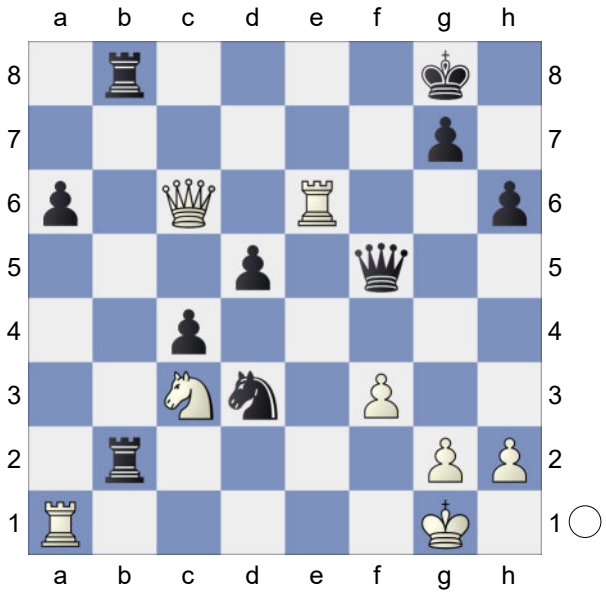
C70

□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2536**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2522**
Titled Tuesday 1. Feb A (11) 01.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 White is slightly better. **10.c3 dxc3** 1.31/20
[Black should try 10...Bb7± 0.46/22]
11.Nxc3± b4! is the strong threat.
11...Be6N
[11...Nf6 12.Bf4 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #7]
12.Bg5 0.01/21
[White should play 12.Bf4± 1.26/22]
12...Be7= 13.Bxe7 -0.86/21
[13.Nd5!= 0.01/20]
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
13...Nxe7∓ 14.Ng5 -1.22/24
[14.Re2!∓ -0.67/21]
14...0-0 15.Qh5



h6
[15...Bxb3 16.Qxh7#]
16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Rad1 -2.23/21
[17.Qh3∓ -1.03/21 was necessary.]
17...Nc6-+ 18.e5 -3.18/20
[⌓18.Qh3 -1.92/19 Qe7 19.Re3]
18...d5!
[18...Nxe5? is the wrong capture. 19.Rxe5 Qf6 20.Re2+- *(20.Rxd6?* gets mated. *Qxf2+ 21.Kh1 Qf1#)*]
19.Qg6 Qe8 20.Qg4 Qf7 21.f3 Qf5 22.Qg3 c4 23.bxc4 bxc4 24.Ra1 Rfb8 25.Re2 Rb4 26.Qf2 Nxe5 27.Qc5 Nd3 28.Qc6 Rab8 29.Rxe6 Rxb2



30.Rf1 Qg5 31.g3 Qd2 32.Ne2 R2b5 33.Re7 Qg5 34.Qe6+ Kh8 Threatens to win with ...R5b6. **35.h4 Qf6 36.Qd7** -9.96/25
[⌓36.Qxf6 -4.37/21 gxf6 37.Nc3]
36...Rb1 37.Qe8+ Kh7 38.Rxb1 Rxe8 39.Kg2 Rxe7 40.Ng1 Ne1+ 41.Kf1 Nc2 42.Rb2 Ne3+ 43.Kf2 Qxb2+ 44.Ne2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.58
44...Nd1+
0-1

	C70
□ **Arnason,Jon Loftur**	**2535**
■ **Bareev,Evgeny**	**2560**
46/372 Sochi	1988

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.Nh4 0.14/23 White is more active.
[9.Qe2 Bb7 10.Rd1 Qc8 11.c4 0.75/20 *(11.b4* 1.15/21 *)* 11...b4± 12.Nbd2 c5! 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Nf1 Qg4 1.53/22 *(14...Ne7±* 0.38/20 *)* 15.Ng3± Ne7 16.Be3 Nc6 17.Rd5 Nd8 18.Rd2 0.56/22 *(18.h3±* 1.18/20 *Qc8 19.Rd3)* 18...Qe6 1.24/22 *(18...g6±* 0.56/22 *)* 19.Ne1!± Nc6 20.Nd3 0.07/23 *(*White must play *20.Rd5!±* 1.35/24 *)* 20...Nd4= 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.f4 g6 23.fxe5 0.01/22 *(23.Rdd1!±* 0.37/22 was preferable. *)* 23...fxe5]
[9.Nc3± 0.77/21]
9...Ne7=
[9...Qd7
A) 10.f4
A1) 10...Bb7 1.00/23 10...exd4 0.01 11.d5 exf4 1.61/23 *(11...Ne7±* 1.11/22 *)* 12.Bxf4+- Ne7 13.Nf3 0.77/24 *(13.Be3+-* 1.69/23 *)* 13...c5± 14.dxc6 0.64/25 *(14.Bg3±* 1.05/24 *)* 14...Nxc6± 15.Nc3 Be7 16.Nd4 0.01/23 *(16.Nh4±* 0.65/23 *)* 16...Nxd4= 17.Qxd4 0-0 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Rfe1 Rc8 21.c3 Re6 22.Bg3 Qe8 23.h3 a5 24.Kh2 h6;
A2) 10...exd4= 0.01/24 11.Qxd4 Ne7;
A3) 10...exf4 0.55/24 11.Bxf4± Qg4!;
B) 10.c4;
C) 10.Nc3
C1) 10...Ne7 11.dxe5! dxe5 12.Qf3 c6 1.38/25 *(12...b4!=* 0.15/24 *13.Rd1 Qe6)* 13.h3 0.99/23 *(⌓13.Nf5* 1.38/25 *Qc7 14.Rd1)* 13...Qe6 1.60/26 *(13...Ng6* 0.99/23 *14.Nf5 Qc7)* 14.Rd1± g6 Wards off Nf5 15.Be3 Bg7 16.Bc5 0-0 17.Rd6 Qf7 18.Qd3 0.94/24 *(⌓18.Ne2* 1.35/23 *)* 18...Be6± 19.Nf3 Rfc8 20.Qd1 g5 21.Ne2 Ng6 22.Rd3 h5 23.b4 g4 24.hxg4;
C2) 10...Ne7= 0.27/24;
C3) 10...Bb7 0.81/22 11.f4 -0.01/21 *(11.Nd5±* 0.81/22 *)* 11...0-0-0= 12.Nf3 -0.43/22 *(12.d5±* 0.41/23 *)* 12...Ne7 0.92/24 *(12...Re8∓* -0.43/22 keeps the upper hand. *)* 13.d5!]
10.f4 -0.23/23
[10.Be3± 0.33/23]
10...Bb7N 0.76/25
[10...exf4 0.41/23 10...exd4 -0.01 11.Qf3 -0.35/23 *(11.Nc3±* 0.41/23 *)* 11...Bb7 0.30/23 *(11...g5∓* -0.35/23 *12.e5 fxe5 13.Qxa8 gxh4)* 12.Qxf4]
[10...exd4= -0.23/23 11.Qxd4 Bb7]
11.d5± White is better. **11...c6** 1.64/24
[11...exf4!± 0.56/24 12.Rxf4 *(12.Bxf4 g5=)* 12...g5 13.Qh5+ *(13.Rxf6 gxh4 14.Qh5+ Kd7=)* 13...Kd7 14.Qg4+ *(14.Rxf6 gxh4 15.Qg4+ Ke8±)* 14...Ke8]
12.c4 1.19/23
[12.fxe5+- 1.64/24 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 cxd5 14.exd6 *(14.exf6 gxf6 15.Qh5+ Kd7+-)* 14...Qxd6 15.c4]
12...exf4 13.Rxf4 1.08/21
[⌓13.Bxf4 1.54/22 g5 14.Qh5+ Kd7

15.Qg4+ Ke8 16.dxc6 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Bxc6 18.Bxd6]

A mistake that costs the game. **13...g5?** 2.81/24

[13...g6± 1.08/21]

14.Qh5++-

[14.Rxf6 Qb6+ 15.Kf1 gxh4=]

14...Kd7 15.Rxf6 Qb6+ 4.79/20

[15...gxh4

A) 16.c5 0.98/19 16.Nc3 2.43 Ng6 17.Rxg6 -0.08/17 *(17.Re6±* 1.25/21 *)* 17...hxg6= 18.Qxh8 Qe7 19.e5 -0.97/23 *(19.cxd6=* -0.01/21 remains equal. *Qxe4 20.Qh7+ Kxd6 21.Bd2)* 19...cxd5 0.01/17 *(19...dxc5∓* -0.97/23 *20.e6+ Kc7)* 20.cxd6= Qg7!;

B) 16.Qg4+? -0.51/20 16.Bg5 1.82 Kc7 17.Rxd6? -3.02/20 *(17.Rf7=* -0.10/18 *)* 17...Qxd6? -0.01/16 *(17...Rg8-+* -3.02/20 *18.Rxd8 Rxg4 19.Rxa8* Remove Defender *Bxa8)* 18.Bf4= Ng6! 19.Bxd6+ Bxd6;

C) 16.Nc3

C1) 16...Ng6 2.15/22 16...cxd5 1.54 17.Rxg6! hxg6 18.Qxh8 Qe7 Prevents Qh7. 19.dxc6+ Bxc6 20.cxb5? 0.38/22 *(* Better is *20.Bh6+-* 2.30/24 *)* 20...Bxe4? 4.51/22 *(* Black should play *20...axb5±* 0.38/22 *21.Rxa8 Bxa8)* 21.Nxe4 Qxe4 22.Bg5 1.10/22 *(22.Bd2!+-* 2.68/25 *Be7 23.Qc3 axb5 24.Rc1)*;

C2) 16...Ng6 1.78/18 17.Rxg6 Pin Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Qf2;

C3) 16...Qe8? 4.05/20

C3a) 17.Rxd6+?? -2.53/20 17.Rf7 3.84 Kxd6 18.Bf4+ Kd7! 19.dxc6+? -3.74/21 *(19.Qg4+* -2.17/21 *Kd8 20.d6)* 19...Bxc6-+ 20.Rd1+? -5.32/22 *(20.Qe5* -3.30/20 *Qg6 21.Rd1+ Ke8 22.Qxh8)* 20...Kc8-+ 21.Qe5 Nd5! Prevents Qc7+.;

C3b) 17.Rf7+-

C3b1) 17...Kc7? 7.47/18 17...Kc8 3.07 18.c5? 1.21/19 *(18.Bf4+-* 7.47/18 *Rd8 19.c5)* 18...dxc5? 19.70/21 *(18...Kb8±* 1.21/19 *)* 19.d6++- Kb6 20.b4;

C3b2) 17...Rg8 18.Qxh7;

C3b3) 17...Kc8 3.86/19 18.Qg4+ Kc7 19.dxc6 Qxc6;

C3b4) 17...Rd8? 9.21/19 18.dxc6++- Bxc6 19.cxb5]

[15...gxh4 2.11/21 16.Nc3 Qe8]

16.Kh1 gxh4 17.Qf7

[17.Nc3

A) 17...Ng6 18.Rxg6 hxg6 19.Qxh8 Be7 Inhibits Bg5. 20.Qh7;

B) 17...Rd8 5.00/19 17...Rg8 3.35 18.Bf4 Kc7 19.e5 3.44/20 *(⌓19.dxc6* 8.40/21 *Qxc6 20.cxb5)*;

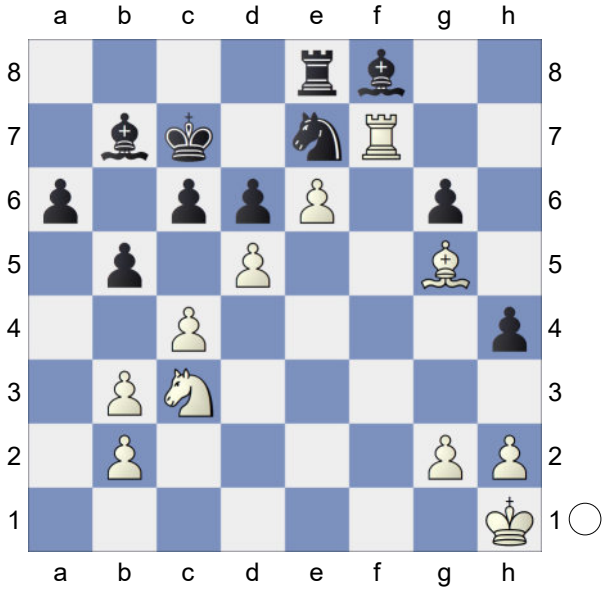
C) 17...Rg8 18.Bf4 Rg6 19.Rxd6+? 1.05/23 *(19.Rf7!+-* 4.73/22 *)* 19...Rxd6± 20.Qg4+ Kc7? 3.85/22 *(20...Ke8±* 0.97/22 *21.Bxd6 Qf2)* 21.Bxd6++- Kxd6 22.Qe6+ Kc7 *(22...Kc5* 35.07/26 22...Kc7 4.61 *23.b4+ Kxb4 24.Na2+)* 23.d6+ Kb8 24.dxe7 Bxe7 25.Qxe7]

17...Rd8N 6.13/22

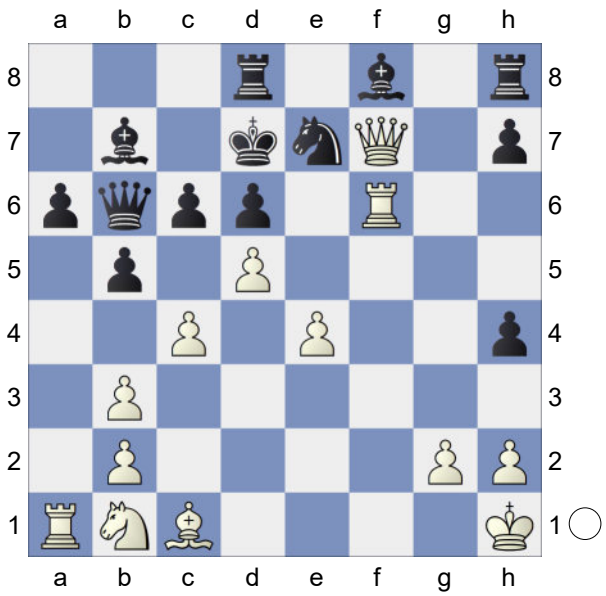
[17...cxd5? 6.05/19 17...Rg8 1.34 18.Bf4]

[17...h3 18.Qe6+ Ke8? 7.23/21 *(18...Kd8* 3.92/20 *)* 19.Bg5+- hxg2+ 20.Kxg2 Qc7 21.e5 Rg8 22.Qf7+

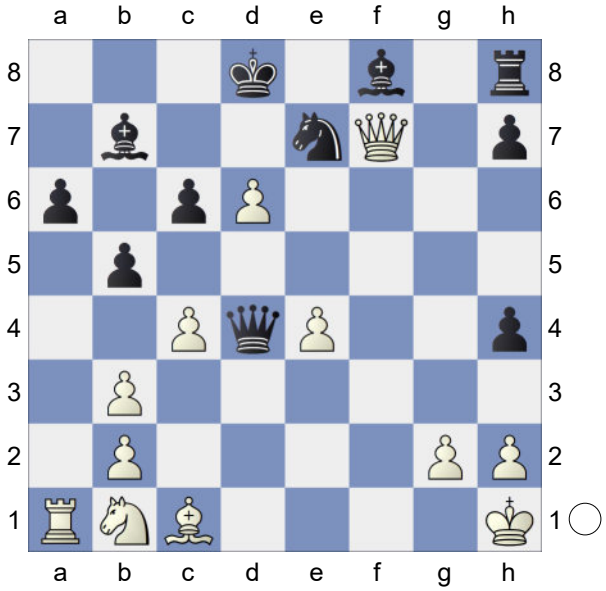
Kd7 23.e6+ Kc8 24.Qxg8]
[17...Rg8
A) 18.Rxd6+?? -5.14/17
18.Qe6+ 1.84 Kxd6 19.Qe6+ Kc7
(-> ...Qf2) 20.d6+ -8.41/19
(⌓20.Bf4+ -4.76/18 Kd8 21.d6)
20...Kb8-+ (-> ...Qf2!) 21.dxe7 Qf2
22.e8Q+ Ka7 23.Rxa6+ Kxa6
24.Q8xc6+ Ka7! 25.Qxb7+ Kxb7
26.Qd7+ Kb6! 27.Qe6+ Kc7;
B) 18.Qe6+ Ke8 19.e5? -1.04/23
(19.Nc3!+- 2.31/22) 19...Rg6?
5.47/23 *(19...Qd4!∓ -1.04/23*
stays on course. (-> ...Qd1+)
20.Qf7+ Kd7) 20.Qf7+ Kd7
21.Rxg6 hxg6 22.e6+ Kc7 23.Bg5
Qd4 4.30/24 *(23...bxc4* 3.03/22
was worth a try. *24.Bxe7 Bxe7*
25.Qxe7+ Kb8) 24.Nc3+- Qg7
25.Rf1! Qxf7 26.Rxf7 Re8



27.Ne4! cxd5 28.Nf6 Kd8 10.05/23
(⌓28...Rc8 4.53/21 *29.Nd7 Bh6*
30.Bxh6 Nf5) 29.cxd5]
[17...Qd4 18.Qe6+ Ke8 19.Nc3!]
[⌓17...Rg8 2.92/21 18.Nc3 h3
19.Qe6+ *(19.gxh3? Rg1#)* 19...Ke8
20.Qf7+ Kd7]

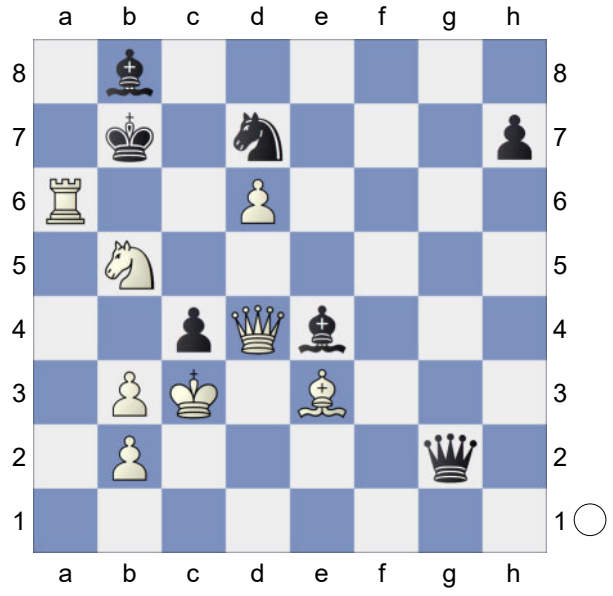


18.Rxd6+!!+- Decoy **18...Kc8!⩲**
[18...Kxd6 16.20/19 18...Kc7 4.66
19.Qe6+ Kc7 20.Bf4+ Rd6
21.Qxd6+ Kc8 22.c5]
[18...Kc7 19.Rxd8 Kxd8 20.d6 Qd4



21.Nc3! Prevents Qd1+. Threatens to
win with Be3!. Qxd6 Strongly
threatening ...Qg6. 22.Bg5? 1.56/24
(22.Be3+- 5.65/25 is more deadly.
Kc8 23.Rd1)]
[18...Kc7 19.Rxd8]
19.Qe6+ Kb8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8!
21.Qe5+ Ka8 22.Qxh8 Ng6! 23.Qd4

c5 24.Qf2 Bd6
[24...b4 25.Be3]
25.Nc3 bxc4 26.Nb5 Bb8
[26...cxb3 27.Nxd6 Qxd6 28.Be3]
27.Qxc5 h3 28.Be3
[Weaker is 28.Qxc4 Qh4 29.g3 Qg4=]
28...hxg2+ 29.Kxg2!=
[29.Kg1]
29...Ne5 30.Qb6 Qc8 31.h3 Nd7
32.Qd4 Qg8+ 33.Kf1 Qg3
Dodges Nc7+ **34.d6 Qxh3+**
[34...Qf3+ 35.Ke1 Δ ♘e5, g5⩱ Rodriguez,Am. White wants to mate with Nc7+. Bxe4 36.Rxa6+ Kb7 37.Ra7+ Bxa7 38.Qxa7+⇄ Kc6?! Ü 43/361 39.Qa8+!? Kxb5 40.Qa4#]
35.Ke1 Qh1+ 36.Kd2 Qg2+
[36...Qh2+? 37.Kc3 9.19/27 *(⌓37.Kc1* 31.77/25 *Qh1+ 38.Bg1 Qh6+ 39.Kc2)* 37...Qe5!?+- 38.Qxe5 Nxe5!?]
37.Kc3 White mates. **37...Bxe4**
38.Rxa6+ Kb7



39.Ra7+! Skewer **39...Kc8!**
[39...Bxa7 40.Qxa7+! Kc6? 41.Qa8+ Kxb5 42.Qa4#-+]
40.Qh8+ Nf8
[40...Qg8!∞ △41.Qxg8+ Nf8 42.Qxf8#]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.92
41.Qxf8# An unexpected result.
½-½

C70

□ **domore** **2532**
■ **castanedastral** **2575**
Blitz 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4
8.Qxd4 0.16/20
[8.Re1± 0.65/20]
8...Bb7=
[8...Ne7 9.Qd3 c5 10.c4 Be6 11.Nbd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Nf1 Bg4 15.Bf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8 19.Re1 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Be7 21.Bxg7 Rg8 22.Bf6 Rc7 23.Ng3 1-0 (32) Dominguez Perez,L (2719)-Morozevich,A (2787) Wch Blitz 3th 2008 (6) Kf8 24.Be5 Rd7 25.Qh5 d3 26.Qh6+ Ke8 27.Qxh7 Rf8 28.Nh5 Qa5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nxd7 Kxd7 31.Qxd3+ Kc8 32.Qf5+ 1-0 Berg,E (2576)-Nithander,V (2438) Gothenburg Manhem 2012 (8)]
9.Qe3N
[9.Bg5
A) 9...f6 10.Bd2 c5 11.Qc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7 13.b4 *(13.Re1 Ng6 14.b4 Be7 15.Qe3 0-0 16.Nc3 Re8 17.Nd5 Bf8 18.c4 bxc4 19.Qc3 Rxe4 20.Rxe4 Bxd5*

21.Re3 cxb4 22.Qxb4 Rb8 23.Qc3 Qb6 24.Bc1 Nf4 25.Ne1 Qc6 26.Qd4 Ne6 27.Qc3 Nc5 0-1 (49) Locio,L-Parkov,V III 98/226 Wijk aan Zee 2006 *)* 13...Ng6 14.Qe3 Be7 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Nd5 Re8 17.Qb3 c4 18.Qe3 Bf8 19.Qd4 Ne5 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Nb6 Rc7 23.Nd5 Rf7 24.Nd4 ½-½ (47) Flum,G-De Carbonnel,H Germany ch-08 final 1962;

B) 9...Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0 Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slnchev Bryag 2008]

9...Nxb3 The position is equal. **10.axb3 Nf6 11.e5** -0.72/21

[11.Nc3= 0.03/20]

11...Ng4∓ 12.Qe1 -1.01/23

[12.Qf4∓ -0.60/24 is superior. Nxe5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qxe5+ Qe7 15.Qd4]

12...Nxe5 -0.52/19

[12...Be7∓ -1.01/23 13.e6 0-0]

13.Nxe5∓ dxe5 14.Qxe5+ Qe7 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qg4 h5 17.Qd4 f6! 18.Nc3 Kf7 -0.19/23

[Better is 18...Qe6∓ -0.89/21]

19.Bf4 -0.88/24

[19.Rd1= -0.19/23 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

19...c5!∓ 20.Qd2 -1.23/23

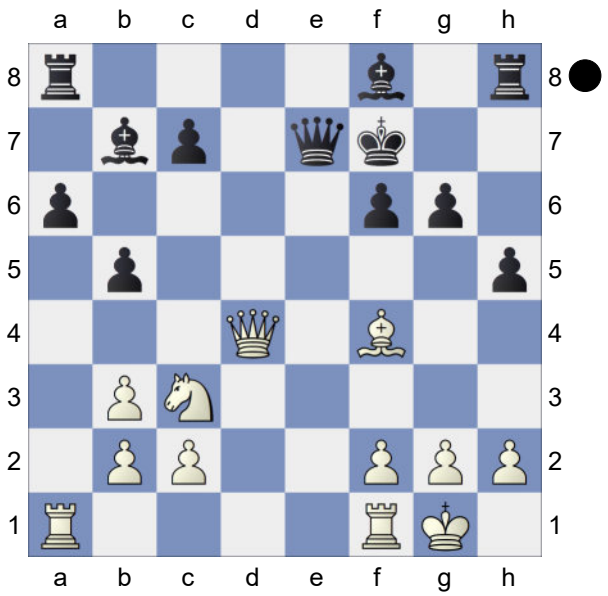
[20.Qd3∓ -0.66/25]

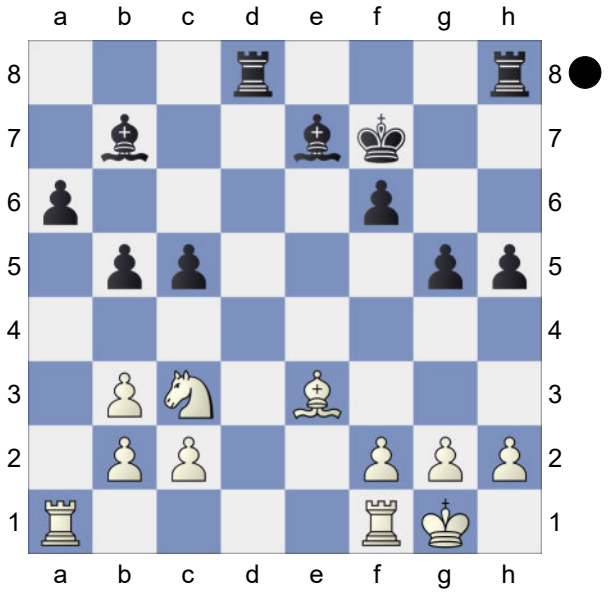
20...Rd8 21.Qe3 -2.06/24

[21.Qe2∓ -0.98/22]

21...g5-+ 22.Qxe7+ Bxe7 23.Be3

(Diagram)





Rd7 -0.84/22

[23...f5!-+ -1.91/21 and Black stays clearly on top. ...f4 is the strong threat. 24.g3 f4 *(24...h4 25.Rae1∓)*]

24.Rad1∓ Rhd8↑ Keeping White busy.

25.Rxd7 Rxd7 Now White is beyond hope. **26.Rd1?** -6.35/23

[26.f3∓ -0.76/21]

26...Rxd1+-+ 27.Nxd1 Endgame KBB-KBN **27...Be4 28.Nc3 Bxc2 29.Nd5 Bd6**

[Less strong is 29...Bxb3 30.Nxe7 Kxe7 31.Bxc5+ Kd7 32.Bb4∓]

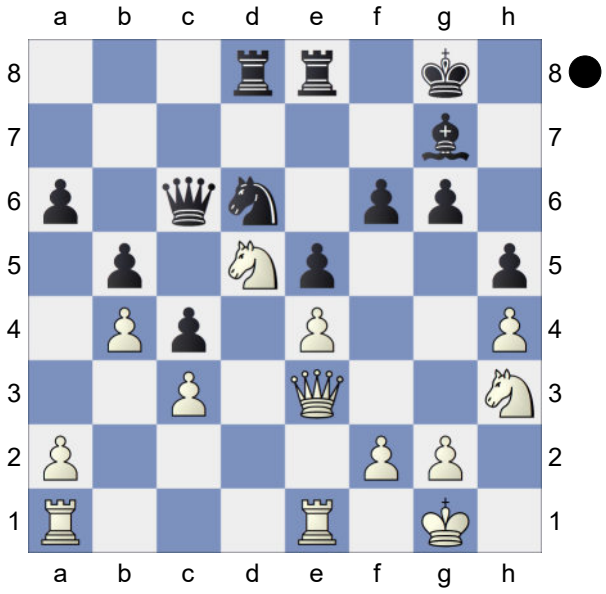
30.b4 cxb4 31.Kf1 Ke6 32.Nb6 a5 33.Ke2 a4 34.Kd2 Bf5 35.Nc8 Bf8 36.Na7 a3 37.bxa3 bxa3 38.Nxb5 Kd5 39.Nd4 Bd7 40.Nc2 Ba4 41.Na1 Kc4 42.Kc1 Bb4 43.Bd2 Bc3 44.Bxc3 Kxc3 KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **45.f3 a2 46.g3 Bc6** -16.20/31
[⌓46...g4 -#6/14 47.f4 f5 48.h4 gxh3 49.g4 h2 *(49...fxg4 50.f5 h2 51.f6 h1Q#)* 50.Nc2 h1Q+ 51.Ne1 a1Q#]
47.f4 g4 48.f5 Be4 -33.74/31
[⌓48...Ba4 -#5/12 49.h4 gxh3 50.g4 h2 *(50...hxg4* gets mated. *51.Nc2 h2 52.Kd1 h1Q+ 53.Ke2 Qg1 54.Ne3 Bb5+ 55.Nc4 Bxc4#)* 51.Nc2 h1Q+ 52.Ne1 a1Q#]
49.h4 Bxf5 Black mates. **50.Kd1 Kb2** Trapped Piece **51.Kd2 Kxa1 52.Kc1 Be4 53.Kd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.32
53...Kb1
0-1

C70

□ **Ernur2008** **2531**
■ **Platy2** **2886**
Blitz 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1N
[7.d4 Nxb3 *(7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3* ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019*; 7...f6 8.Bxg8 Rxg8 9.b4 Nc4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Bb7 12.Re1 a5 13.bxa5 c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Qe2 Qxa5 16.Nxe5 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Bb2 Rge8 19.e5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Kb8 21.Rab1 Ka8 22.a3* (27) Ruy Lopez Various-N, N Survey 1997 *)* 8.axb3 f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Ne7 *(10...Qd7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Qxd4 f5 14.Be3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Ne7 16.Bf2 c5 17.Qd3 Nd5 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Rae1 h6 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.f5 Rg8 22.Bg3 Qc6 23.Ng6 c4 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.Rf2* 1-0 (45) 9.♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2655)-Aigner,J (2445) op Lone Pine 1981 *)* 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Be3 g5 15.Nxb5 axb5 16.Qh5+ Qf7 17.Rxa8+ Bxa8 18.Rd8+ Kxd8 19.Qxf7 gxh4 20.Qxf6 Rg8 21.f3 h3 1-0 (38) Miles,E-Chen,Y 5/591 Malaga 1968 (16)]
[7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22.DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
7...c5 0.92/23
[7...g5= 0.23/20]
8.Bd5± Bb7 9.c3 0.34/23
[9.Bxb7± 0.90/22 Nxb7 10.g3]
9...Nf6 1.04/21
[9...Bxd5± 0.34/23 10.exd5 Be7]
10.d4? -0.47/21
[10.Bxb7± 1.04/21 Nxb7 11.d4]
10...Qc7? 1.19/19
[10...Nxd5∓ -0.47/21 stays ahead. 11.exd5 Be7]

11.Bxb7 Nxb7 12.Bg5 0.84/20
[⌓12.a4 1.24/20]
12...Be7 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Bh4 0-0
15.Nf1 Rfe8 16.dxe5 0.31/21
[16.Ne3± 0.84/17]
16...dxe5± 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Ne3 Rad8 0.71/22
[18...c4= 0.10/21 keeps the balance.]
19.Nd5± Qc6 20.Qe2 g6 1.08/20
[20...c4± 0.32/20]
21.h4 h5 22.Ng5 0.86/20 Excellent horsemanship.
[⌓22.a4 1.34/21]
22...Bg7 1.37/21
[⌓22...Kg7 0.86/20]
23.Qf3 0.76/22
[⌓23.a4 1.37/21]
23...f6 24.Nh3 c4 25.b4 Prevents Nc5
25...Nd6? 6.37/22
[25...Kh8± 0.67/20]
26.Qe3? -0.15/18
[26.Nxf6++- 6.37/22 Kh8 27.Nxe8 Qxe8 28.Red1]



26...Nxe4!= 27.Qxe4 Qxd5
[27...Rxd5?! 28.Qxg6 *(28.Nf4 Rd6∓)* 28...Rd6 29.Qxh5±]
[27...f5? 28.Ne7+ Rxe7 29.Qxc6+-]
28.Qxg6 Qf7 29.Qf5 Qe6 30.Qxh5 Qf7 31.Qf5 0.31/22
[31.Qe2± 0.84/24]
31...Rd3 1.05/24
[31...Qe6± 0.31/22 32.Qf3 Rd3]
32.Re3 0.38/22
[Better is 32.a4± 1.05/24]
32...Qe6 0.80/23
[32...Red8!± 0.38/22 was preferable.]
33.Qh5± Rxe3? 2.59/23
[33...Qf7!± 0.50/20 34.Qf3 e4]
34.fxe3+- Rd8 3.10/21
[34...Qf7 2.12/21 was called for. 35.Qf3 Rd8]
35.Rf1 Rd3 4.06/21
[⌓35...Qe8 2.84/21 36.Qg4 Qd7]
36.Qg6? 1.49/20
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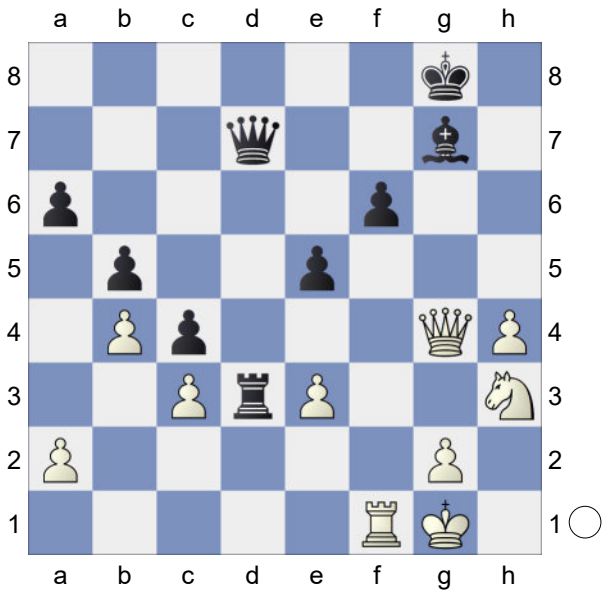
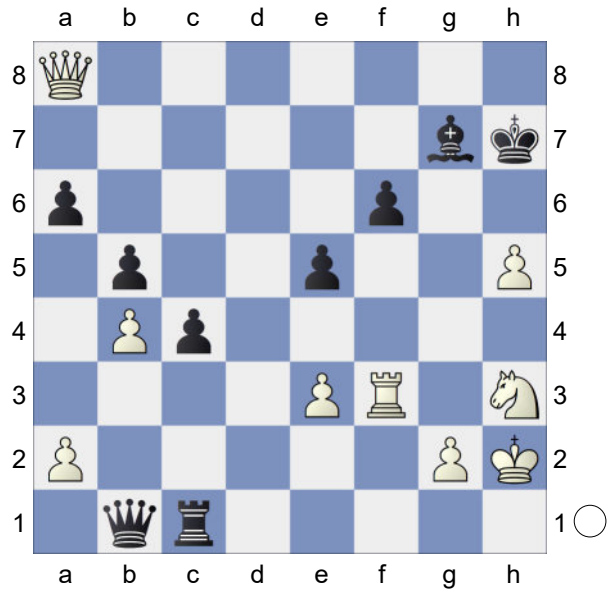
36...Qf7± 37.Qg4 Qd7



38.Qe4 Rxc3? 4.19/23
[38...Qd5± 1.06/22 is more resistant. 39.Qg4 Qd7]
39.h5+- Qd3? 5.31/27
[39...Rd3 3.14/19 40.h6 Rd1 *(40...Bxh6? 41.Rxf6 Bxe3+ 42.Kh2+-)*]
40.Qa8+ Kh7 41.Rf3 Rc1+ 7.14/22
[⌓41...e4 4.03/19 42.Rg3 *(42.Nf4*

Rc1+ 43.Kh2 Qc2=) 42...Qd1+ 43.Kh2 Qxh5 44.Qxe4+ *(44.Qxa6 Qh6+-)* 44...Kh8 45.Qa8+ *(45.Qe7 Qh6+-)* 45...Kh7 46.Qxa6 Qh6 47.Qxb5 Rxe3 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qxc4 f5+-)* 48...Kh8]

42.Kh2 Qb1



43.Qe8? 0.01/20

[White has to play 43.Nf2!+- 9.09/21 Qc2 44.Qe8]

43...Rh1+=

[43...Qxa2 44.Qg6+ Kg8 45.Ng5 *(45.Rxf6 Rh1+* Decoy *46.Kxh1 Qb1+ 47.Qxb1 Bxf6 48.Qg6+ Kf8 49.Qxf6+ Ke8)* 45...fxg5 46.Rf7 *(46.h6 Rh1+* Decoy *47.Kxh1 Qa1+ 48.Kh2 e4 49.h7+ Kh8)*]

44.Kg3 Black must now prevent Nf2.

44...Qe4

[Inferior is 44...Qxa2 45.Qg6+ Kg8 46.Ng5 *(46.Rxf6 Rxh3+ 47.Kxh3 Qd2+-)* 46...c3 47.Rxf6]

45.Qe6 c3 Dancing on a razor blade.

46.Nf2? -#1/6 Dodges c2

[46.Rxf6= -0.01/22 Rxh3+ *(46...Qxb4 47.Ng5+ Kh8 48.Qe8+; 46...Qxe3+ 47.Rf3=; 46...Bxf6 47.Qf7+ Kh8 48.Qxf6+ Kg8 49.Qd8+ Kg7 50.h6+* Decoy *Kxh6 51.Qf8+ Kh5 52.Qh8+ Kg6 53.Qg8+ Kf6 54.Qf8+ Kg6 55.Qg8+ Kh6 56.Qf8+ Kg6 57.Qg8+=)* 47.Kxh3 Bxf6 *(47...Qxe3+?* too greedy. *48.Rf3+-; 47...c2 48.Rf1=)* 48.Qxf6]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.85

46...Qh4#

0-1

C70

□ **GambitoAzul** **2525**

■ **GivemeYourBattleRoar** **2642**

Blitz 20.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Qg5 8.Nf3 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3

The position is equal. **10.Nc3**

[10.Rg3 Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7)]

10...Bb7 11.d3N

[11.d4 d6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bf4 Bg7 C 70/04 1997]

11...f5 0.68/20

[11...Ne7= 0.01/19]

12.Qe2 -0.01/20

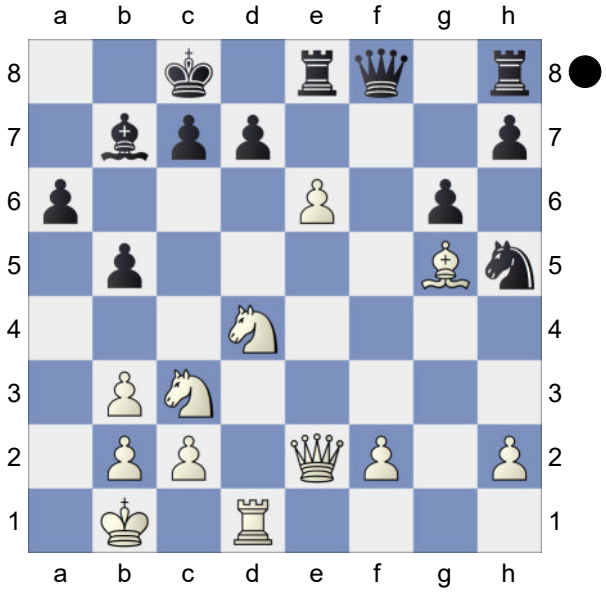
[12.Rg3± 0.68/20 Qh5 13.Rg5]

12...0-0-0 0.51/20

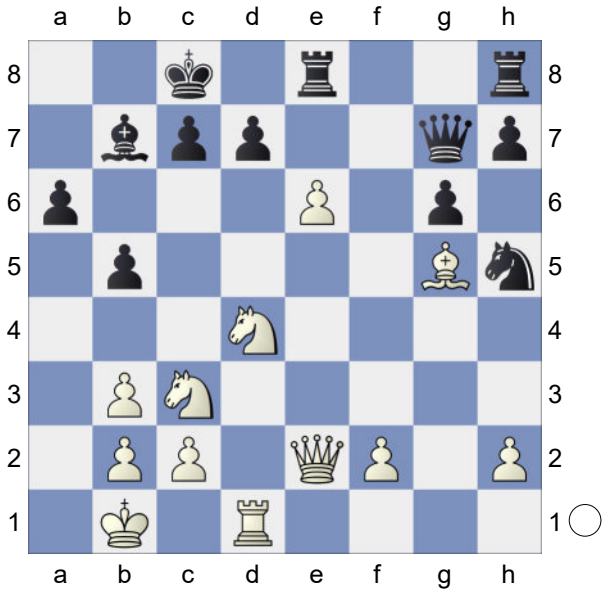
[Better is 12...fxe4= -0.01/20 13.dxe4 0-0-0]

13.Bf4 -0.01/20

[White should play 13.Rg3!± 0.51/20 Qh5 14.Rg5]
13...fxe4 14.dxe4 Qh5 0.95/21
[14...Bb4= -0.01/20]
15.0-0-0 0.07/21
[15.Rg5± 0.95/21 Qe8 16.Re5]
15...Nf6= 16.Rg5 Repels d6
[16.Qd3 is interesting. Re8 17.Rg5 Qf7 18.Rf5]
16...Qe8 17.e5 -0.36/20
[17.Re5= 0.01/18 Qf7 18.Ng5]
17...Nh5 18.Bg3 -0.78/19
[18.Be3= -0.13/18 remains equal.]
18...g6 -0.42/18
[18...Qf7∓ -0.78/19 19.Nd4 g6 20.Rxh5 gxh5]
19.Nd4 -3.37/22
[19.Kb1!∓ -0.42/18]
19...Bh6-+ Pin **20.Bh4 Qf8**
[20...Bxg5+ 21.Bxg5 Qf7 22.e6 dxe6 23.Bxd8=]
21.Kb1 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 Re8 23.e6 -2.76/21
[⌓23.b4 -1.92/20]



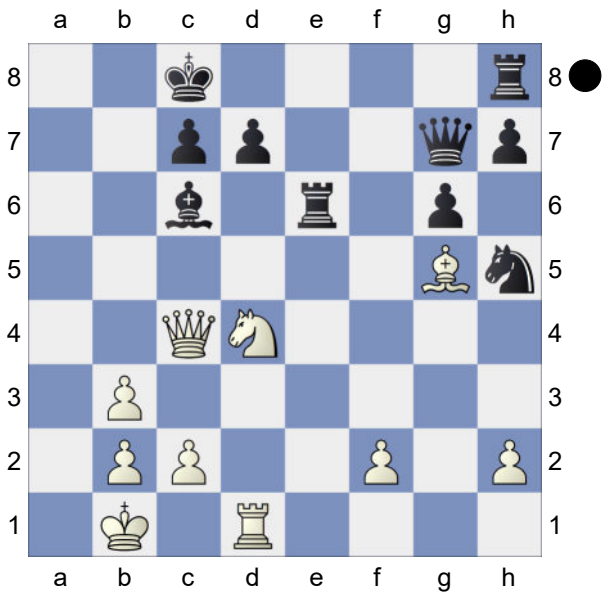
23...Qg7? 0.01/18
[23...dxe6!-+ -2.76/21 and ...e5 should not be overlooked 24.Qe5 Qg7 *(24...Qxf2 25.Ncxb5 Qf7 26.Na7+ Kb8 27.Nac6+ Kc8 28.Qc5+-)*]



24.Ndxb5? -4.00/22 **Rxe6**
[24...axb5 25.e7 *(25.Rxd7? Rxe6-+* Remove Defender *)* 25...h6 26.Rxd7 hxg5 *(26...Kxd7 27.Qg4+ Kd6 28.Nxb5+ Ke5 29.f4+ Nxf4 30.Qxf4+ Ke6 31.Qg4+ Ke5 32.Qd4+* Skewer *Kf5 33.Qf4+ Ke6 34.Qg4+ Ke5 35.Qd4+* Skewer *Kf5 36.Qxg7+-)* 27.Qe6-+]
25.Qc4 -4.84/21
[⌓25.Na7+ -3.45/20 Kb8 26.Be3]
25...axb5 26.Nxb5 Bc6 27.Nd4

(Diagram)

Rhe8 28.Nxe6 Rxe6 29.b4 Qe5 30.Be3 Nf6 31.Qa6+ Bb7 32.Qa3 Ra6 33.Qb3 Bd5 34.Qd3 Rc6 35.b5 Rc4 -3.75/21
[⌓35...Be4 -8.34/21 36.Bd4 Bxd3 *(36...Rxc2? 37.Bxe5 Rxf2 38.Bd4-+; 36...Qxh2? 37.Qa3-+; 36...Qd5? 37.bxc6 Bxd3 38.cxd7+ Nxd7 39.Rxd3-+)* 37.Bxe5 Bxc2+



(37...Rxc2? 38.Rxd3 Rxf2 39.Rc3∓) 38.Kc1 Re6 *(38...Bxd1+? 39.bxc6 Ng4 40.cxd7+ Kxd7 41.Bxc7-+)*]

36.Qa3 -5.89/23

[36.Bd4 -3.75/21 was forced. Qe6 *(36...Qg5? 37.Bxf6* Discovered Attack, Remove Defender, Deflection *Qxf6 38.Qxd5+-)* 37.f3]

36...Qe4

[Worse is 36...Qxh2 37.b3 Qh5 38.Rd2±]

37.Rd2 and Qa6+ should not be overlooked **37...Ne8?** -2.55/23

[37...Qh1+ -13.89/24 38.Ka2 Ra4+ Pin, Discovered Attack (Check) *(38...Rxc2+? 39.Rxd5 Qxd5+ 40.Kb1-+)* 39.b3 Rxa3+ 40.Kxa3 Be6 *(40...Qxh2? 41.Bd4-+)*]

38.b3 Rc3 39.Kb2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.43

39...Rxe3

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C70

□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin 2524**

■ **Pranav V 2537**

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[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

Seirawan,Y: 'Inf 55/(332)' **1.e4** 1 **e5** 3 **2.Nf3** 1 **Nc6** 1 **3.Bb5** 0 **a6** 2 **4.Ba4** 2 **b5** 1 **5.Bb3** 1 **Na5** 0 **6.0-0** 4 **d6** 2 **7.d4** 6 **Nxb3** 2 **8.axb3** 2 **f6** 0 **9.c4** 4 **b4** 2

10.Be3 33 **Ne7** 2

[10...Bb7 11.Nbd2 c5 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Qe2 Bd6 14.Nh4 g6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Qg4 Bc8 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.h3 Rd8 20.Ng3 h5 21.Ne2 Kf7 22.Nc1 Kg7 23.Qe2 Bd6 24.Nd3 Ne7 25.f4 Timman,J (2665)-Agdestein,S (2620) Bruxelles 55/(332) 1992]

11.Nbd2 14

[11.Ne1 Ng6 12.Nd3 exd4 13.Bxd4 c5 14.Be3 Be7 15.Qh5 Qd7 16.Nf4 Qg4 17.Qxg4 Bxg4 18.Nd5 Bd8 19.f4 Bd7 20.Nd2 Bc6 ½-½ Djukic,N (2518)-Kadric,D (2584) BIH-chT 21st 2023 (5.1)]

11...Ng6 5 White is slightly better.

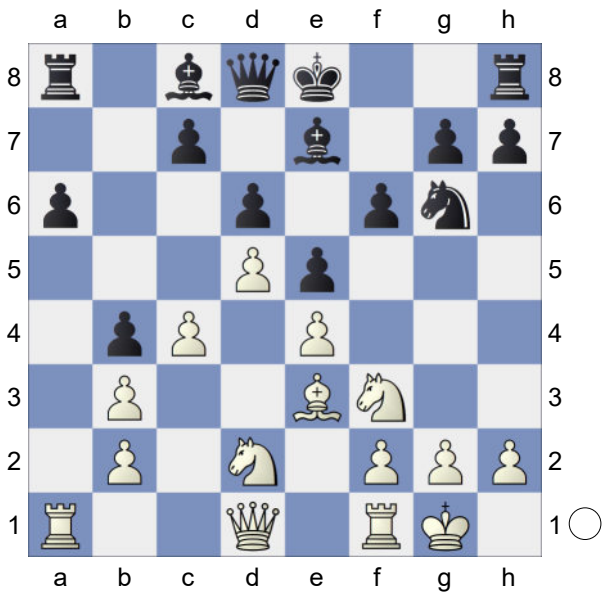
12.d5N 0.03/20 10

[12.dxe5± 0.51/21 was preferable. dxe5 13.c5]

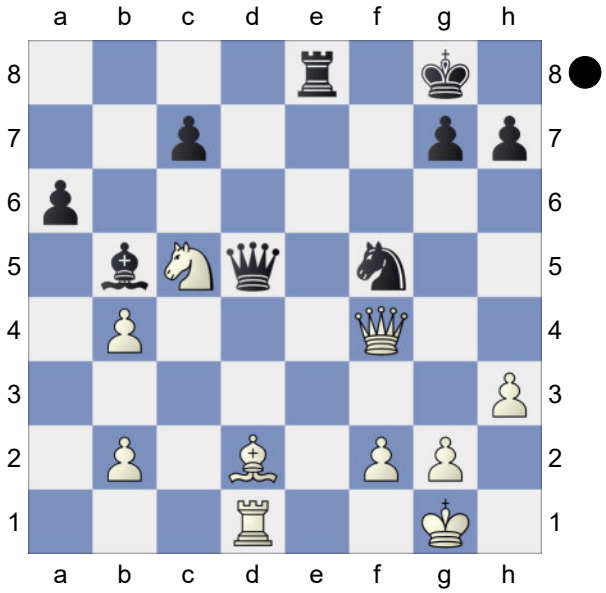
[12.c5 Be7 13.Nc4 Rb8 14.Qc2 0-0 15.Na5 Bd7 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Nc6 Rc8 18.Qc4+ Kh8 19.Nxd8 Rxc4 20.bxc4 Rxd8 21.Rxa6 f5 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Rd1 fxe4 24.Bb6 Rc8 25.Rxd7 exf3 26.b3 fxg2 1-0 (67) Raja,H (2459)-Ganguly,S (2589) MPL Indian Chess Tour N4 rapid 2022 (6)]

12...Be7!= 4

(Diagram)



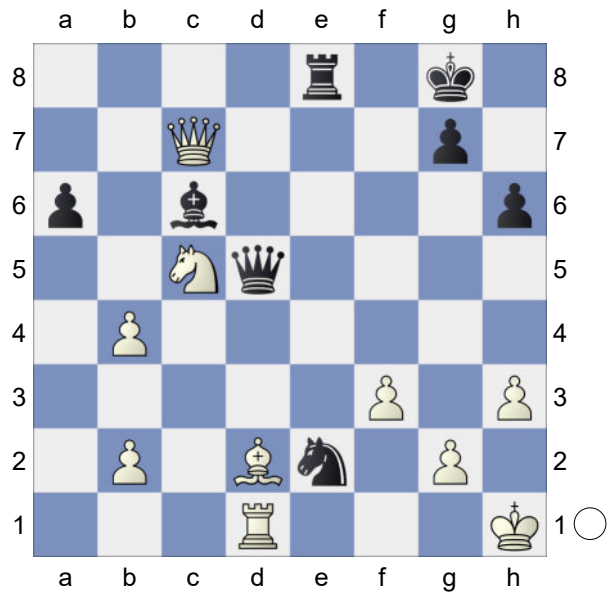
13.c5! 3 **0-0** 6 **14.Nc4** 4 **f5!** 4 **15.exf5** 4 **Bxf5** 0 **16.cxd6** 10 **Bxd6** 4
A strong pair of Bishops. **17.Nfd2** 7 **Bd3** 18 **18.Re1** 1 **e4⇄** 1 Black has counterplay **19.Nxd6** 12 **Qxd6** 13
[19...cxd6 simplifies 20.f3 Re8 21.Bf2 exf3 22.Qxf3 Bb5]
20.Ra5 1 **Rf5** 8 **21.Qg4!** 27 **Rxd5** 0.66/24 1:03
[21...Qd7= 0.08/23]
22.Nxe4± 2 **Qe5** 5.26/26 6
[22...Qd7± 0.63/23 23.Qxd7 Rxd7]
23.Rxd5? 0.76/23 12
[23.Bd4!+- 5.26/26 and the rest is easy. Rxa5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Nf6+ gxf6 26.Rxe5 Remove Defender *(26.Qxb4 Rf5=)* 26...fxe5 27.Qe6+ *(27.Qxb4 Rd8±)* 27...Kh8 *(27...Kg7? 28.Qd7+* Skewer *Kf8 29.Qxd3+-)* 28.Qd5 *(28.Qf6+ Kg8+-)*]
23...Qxd5± 0 **24.Nc5** 2 **Bb5** 5 **25.Rd1** 7 **Qf7** 6 **26.Qxb4** 4 White has more active pieces. **26...Re8** 5 **27.h3** 8 **Ne7** 5
28.Qf4 15 **Nf5** 7 **29.Bd2** 0.01/19 31
[29.Bc1± 0.63/21]
29...Qd5= 24 **30.b4** -0.84/23 22
[30.Qxc7? Bc6 31.f3 Qxc5+ 32.Kh1 Nh4-+]
[30.Na4!= 0.01/20 keeps the balance.]



30...Bc6!∓ 1:05 **31.f3?** -2.88/22 6
[31.Nxa6? Qxg2#]
[31.Qg4∓ -0.60/21 h5 32.Qg5 *(32.Qxh5? Qxg2#)*]
31...Nd4-+ 9 and ...Ne2+ should not be overlooked
[31...Ne3 32.Nxa6 Nxd1 33.Nxc7∓]
32.Kh1? -5.28/21 20
[32.Qxc7? Nxf3+ 33.gxf3 Qxf3-+]
[32.Kf2 -2.54/24 was the only chance. Nxf3 *(32...Re2+ 33.Kg1∓)* 33.gxf3]
32...Ne2? 1.60/24 7
[32...Nxf3!-+ -5.28/21 33.gxf3 Qxf3+ 34.Qxf3 Bxf3+ 35.Kg1 Bxd1 36.Nxa6 c6]
33.Qxc7± 24 and Ra1! should not be overlooked **33...h6** 1.90/26 24
[33...Bb5± 1.34/23 keeps fighting. 34.Kh2 Qd8 35.Qxd8 Rxd8]

(Diagram)

34.Kh2 0.84/20 14



[Weaker is 34.Nxa6 Rf8 35.Kh2 Rxf3=]
[34.Ne4!+- 1.90/26]

34...Nd4 1:03 **35.Ne4!** 2
[35.Nxa6? loses. Nxf3+ 36.Kg3 Nd4-+ *(36...Nxd2? 37.Rxd2 Qg5+ 38.Kh2-+)*]

35...Re6 7.44/21 21
[35...Qd8± 1.12/25 36.Bf4 Nxf3+ 37.gxf3 Qxd1 38.Qxc6 Rf8 39.Qe6+ Kh8]

36.Bc3+- 20 White is clearly winning.

36...Rxe4 1 **37.fxe4** 15 **Qxe4** 1

38.Qc8+ 13
[38.Bxd4? Qxg2#]

38...Kh7 23

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.62

39.Qg4 0
[39.Bxd4? Qxg2#]

1-0

C70

□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2516**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2522**
Titled Tue 8. Feb Early (7) 08.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

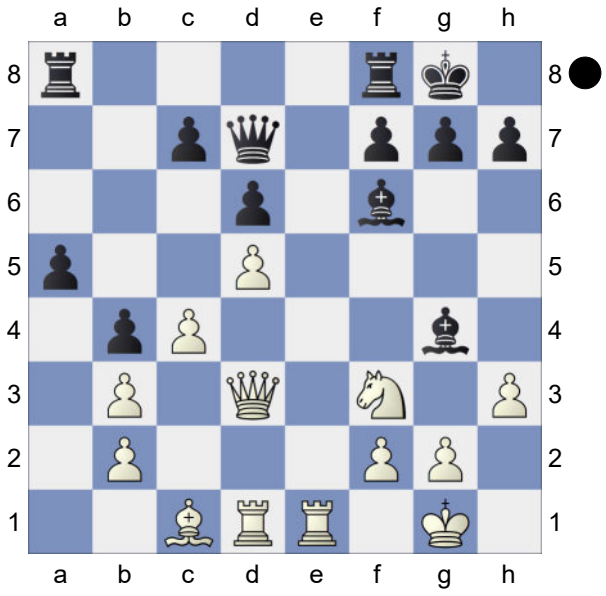
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4 Bxf7+! would now be deadly.

8...Bb7
[8...Ne7 9.Qd3 c5 10.c4 Be6 11.Nbd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Nf1 Bg4 15.Bf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8 19.Re1 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Be7 21.Bxg7 Rg8 22.Bf6 Rc7 23.Ng3 1-0 (32) Dominguez Perez,L (2719)-Morozevich,A (2787) Wch Blitz 3th 2008 (6) Kf8 24.Be5 Rd7 25.Qh5 d3 26.Qh6+ Ke8 27.Qxh7 Rf8 28.Nh5 Qa5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nxd7 Kxd7 31.Qxd3+ Kc8 32.Qf5+ 1-0 Berg,E (2576)-Nithander,V (2438) Gothenburg Manhem 2012 (8)]

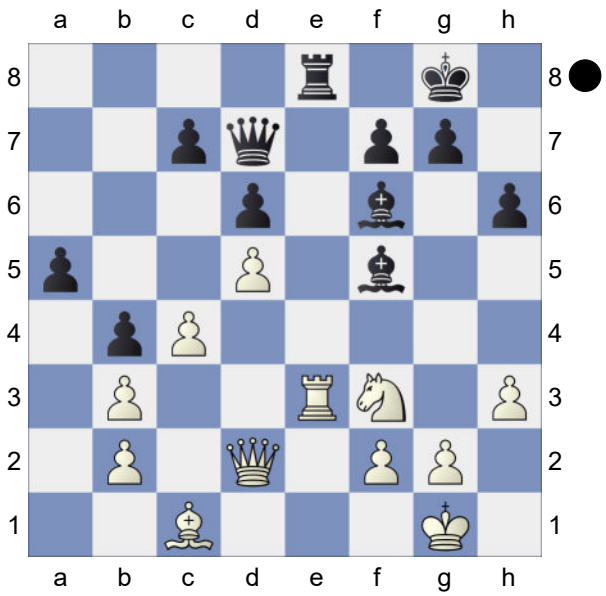
9.Qe3N
[9.Bg5
A) 9...f6 10.Bd2 c5 11.Qc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7 13.b4 *(13.Re1 Ng6 14.b4 Be7 15.Qe3 0-0 16.Nc3 Re8 17.Nd5 Bf8 18.c4 bxc4 19.Qc3 Rxe4 20.Rxe4 Bxd5 21.Re3 cxb4 22.Qxb4 Rb8 23.Qc3 Qb6 24.Bc1 Nf4 25.Ne1 Qc6 26.Qd4 Ne6 27.Qc3 Nc5 0-1 (49) Locio,L-Parkov,V III 98/226 Wijk aan Zee 2006)* 13...Ng6 14.Qe3 Be7 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Nd5 Re8 17.Qb3 c4 18.Qe3 Bf8 19.Qd4 Ne5 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Nb6 Rc7 23.Nd5 Rf7

24.Nd4 ½-½ (47) Flum,G-De Carbonnel,H Germany ch-08 final 1962;
B) 9...Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0 Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slnchev Bryag 2008]

9...Be7 The position is equal. **10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bd2** -0.39/23
[11.Nd4!= 0.04/20]
11...Nxb3 12.axb3 0-0 13.Rad1 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 a5 16.c4 Bf6 17.Bc1 -0.42/23
[17.Nd4= -0.04/22]
17...Bc8↑ Black has some pressure.
18.Qd3 -0.43/24
[18.Rde1= -0.07/23 feels stronger.]
18...Bg4 19.Rfe1 -1.07/26
[19.h3∓ -0.31/23 Bh5 20.Rde1]
19...Qd7∓ 20.h3 -1.33/25
[⌓20.Re3 -0.85/22]



20...Bf5 -0.44/23
[20...Bh5!∓ -1.33/25 21.g4 Bg6]
21.Qd2 -1.02/24
[White should play 21.Qe2!∓ -0.44/23]
21...Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Re1 h6 Black is more active. **24.Re3**

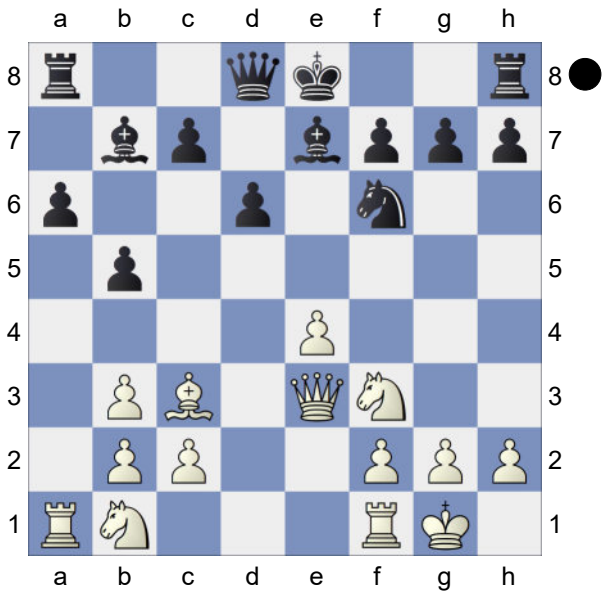


Rxe3! 25.Qxe3 a4 26.bxa4 -1.76/26
[26.Nd4∓ -1.06/24 was necessary.]
26...Qxa4-+ 27.b3 Qa1 28.Kh2 Kh7 -1.03/25
[28...Bg6-+ -1.77/25 and ...Bc3 would now be decisive 29.h4 Qc3]
29.Bd2 Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops. Loses the game. **30.Qf4** -2.27/27
[30.g4∓ -0.93/24 Bg6 31.h4]
30...Bg6 31.h4? -5.58/23
[31.Be3 -1.83/26 was the crucial defense.]
31...Qb1? -1.66/25
[31...Qd1 -5.58/23 32.g4 Qxb3]
32.g4? -8.08/23
[32.Nd4 -1.66/25]
32...f6 Black is clearly winning. **33.h5** -8.01/24
[⌓33.Nd4 -4.36/25 Bxd4 Remove Defender 34.Qxd4]
33...Be4 34.Nh4 Qh1+ 35.Kg3 Be5 Pin **36.f3 Bxf4+** -15.86/29
[⌓36...Bd3 -32.71/26 37.Qxe5 fxe5]
37.Bxf4
Weighted Error Value: White=1.37/ Black=0.73
37...Bc2
0-1

C70

□ **Balakrishnan,Praveen** **2508**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2483**
Titled Tuesday 24. Aug (10) 24.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

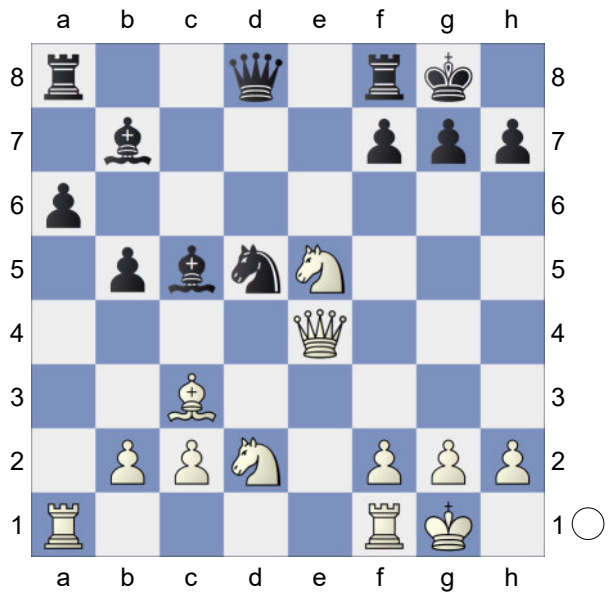
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Bb7 8.0-0 d6
[8...Ne7 9.Nc3 Ng6 10.Qd3 Be7 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Rfe1 Nxb3 13.axb3 Re8 14.Nd5 Bd6 15.Bc3 Bf8 16.Rad1 c6 17.Ne3 b4 18.Bd2 Nf4 19.Qc4 a5 20.e5 Ng6 21.Nf5 h6 22.h4 Bc8 23.h5 0-1 (36) Shaul Zeidner,L (2217)-Rouanet,L (2476) FIDE World Cup 2013 (6)]
9.Qe3N 0.06/21
[9.Bd5± 0.46/19]
[9.c4 c5 10.Qd3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.cxb5 0-0 13.Ba4 Qb6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Rfb8 16.Bc2 axb5 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Rfe1 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rd8 22.f4 g6 23.fxe5 Bg7 1-0 (25) Shirov,A (2739)-Morozevich,A (2755) Moscow (m/2-blitz) 104/75 2007]
[9.Bg5 Nf6 *(9...f6 10.Bd2 c5 11.Qc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7 13.b4 Ng6 14.Qe3 Be7 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Nd5 Re8 17.Qb3 c4 18.Qe3 Bf8 19.Qd4 Ne5 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Nb6 Rc7 23.Nd5 Rf7 24.Nd4* ½-½ (47) Flum,G-De Carbonnel,H Germany ch-08 final 1962 *)* 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0 Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slanchev Bryag 104/(75) 2008]
9...Nxb3 The position is equal. **10.axb3 Be7 11.Bd2** -0.35/20
[11.Nc3= 0.06/20 is more appropriate.]
11...Nf6∓ 12.Bc3? -2.01/22
[12.Nc3∓ -0.36/21]



12...0-0 -0.79/22
[12...Bxe4? 13.Bxf6 Bb7 14.Qxe7+ *(14.Bxg7 Rg8+-)* 14...Qxe7 15.Bxe7+-]
[12...Nxe4-+ -2.01/22 is more deadly. 13.Bxg7 Rg8]
13.Nbd2∓ c5 Wards off Nd4 **14.b4 d5** 0.20/23
[14...Re8∓ -1.04/21 ...cxb4 is the strong threat. 15.Rfe1 h6]
15.bxc5 -0.75/21
[15.Bxf6!= 0.20/23 remains equal. Bxf6 16.e5]
15...dxe4 16.Ne5 -1.25/22
[16.c6∓ -0.67/24 Bxc6 17.Nd4]
16...Nd5 17.Qxe4 Bxc5

(Diagram)

18.Nd3 -1.69/22
[18.Nb3∓ -1.01/22 Bd6 19.Bd4]
18...Bb6 -0.95/20 This pair of bishops is nice.

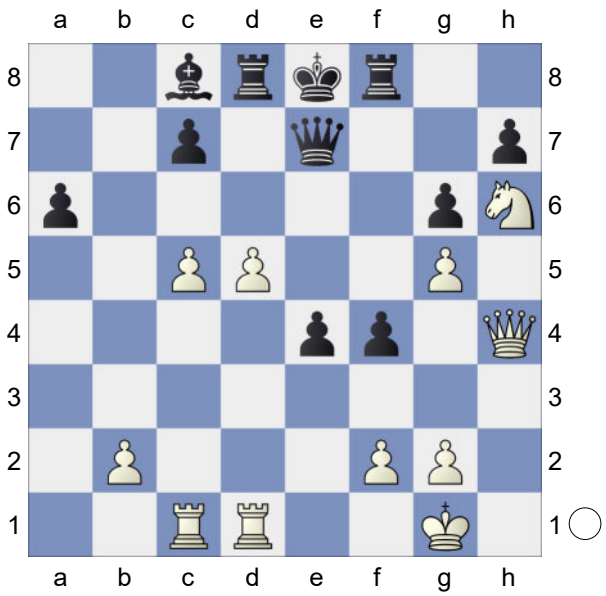


[18...Re8-+ -1.69/22 19.Ba5 Qc8]
19.Bd4 Re8 Against Qe5 **20.Qg4** -1.38/21
[⌓20.Bxb6 -1.01/22 Qxb6 21.Qg4]
20...Nf6↑ Keeping White busy. **21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.Qf5** -1.73/22
[22.Qf4∓ -1.34/22 keeps fighting.]
22...Rac8 23.Nf4? -5.58/24
[23.Rac1∓ -1.41/21 is a better chance.]
23...g6-+ 24.Qg5 Rxc2 25.Nf3 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Rc5 27.Qg3 Rf5 28.Rfe1 -6.58/22
[⌓28.Rfd1 -4.18/19]
28...Rxe1+ Black is clearly winning.
29.Rxe1 Qd4 30.Nh3 Qxb2 31.Ng5 Qc3 32.Re7 Qc1+ 33.Kg2
Weighted Error Value: White=1.26/ Black=0.33
33...Rxg5 Pin
0-1

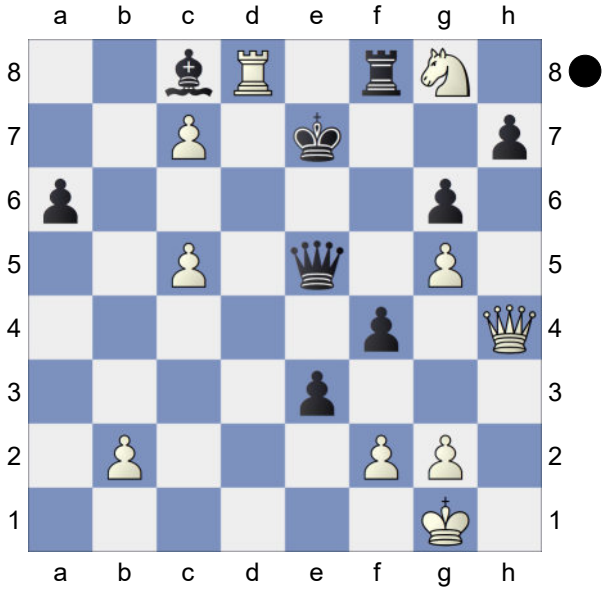
C70
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2505**
■ **Agdestein,Simen** **2565**
Wch U20 Baguio City 1987
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
Chapter **1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qf3** White is slightly better. **12...Qd7 13.Rd1 Qe6 14.Nd5 Nxd5** 0.58/22
[Black should play 14...0-0-0= 0.06/23]
15.exd5± Qf7 16.c4 Be7 1.47/20
[16...Bd6± 0.38/20]
17.Nf5± White is more active. **17...Rd8** 2.02/21
[17...Bb4± 1.28/19 18.Bd2 Bxd2]
18.Be3 1.15/20
[18.Bd2+- 2.02/21]
A mistake that costs the game. **18...g6?** 3.34/24
[18...Bc8± 1.15/20]
19.Nh6+- Qg7N 20.Qg3 1.58/20
[20.cxb5+- 3.14/21 f5 21.bxa6]
20...Bc8 2.40/23
[20...Bf8± 1.58/20 might work better.]
21.h4 Bd6 3.17/21
[⌓21...Rf8 1.94/19]
22.Qf3
[Not 22.c5 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Qxh6±]
22...Be7? 6.10/21
[Don't play 22...f5?! 23.Bg5±]
[22...Bb7 2.87/21 23.Qe2 Bc8]
23.Rac1 bxc4 24.bxc4 Rf8 6.63/24
[⌓24...g5 4.53/22 25.hxg5 fxg5]
25.c5 and d6! would now be decisive
25...f5 26.Bg5 Bxg5 27.hxg5 Qe7 28.Qg3 f4 29.Qh4 e4

(Diagram)



30.d6 2.89/22 **Qe5 31.dxc7 Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1** White is clearly winning. **32...e3** 18.06/27
[⌓32...Qxc7 4.42/24 33.b4 a5]
33.Rd8+ Ke7 34.Ng8+



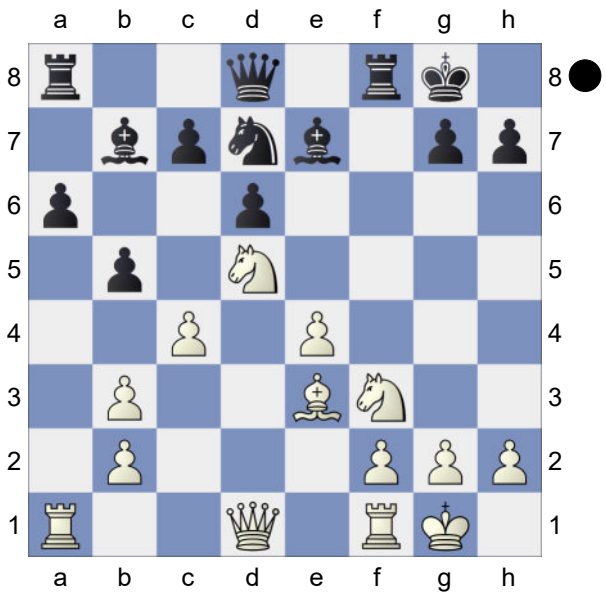
Discovered Attack **34...Rxg8 35.Rxg8 Be6 36.c8Q exf2+ 37.Qxf2 Bxc8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=1.00
38.Rxc8
1-0

C70
□ **tigra522** **2487**
■ **GuyHiddenInTheDepths** **2657**
Blitz 26.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

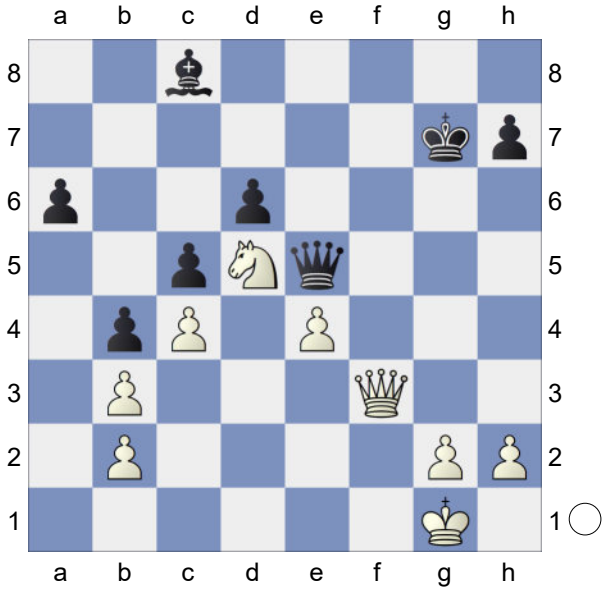
Blitz 3min C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann Suetin,A: 'Inf 57/(335)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 Bb7** 0.84/21
[6...d6!= 0.28/20 keeps the balance.]
7.Nxe5± Nxb3 8.axb3 Nf6 White is better. **9.d3** 0.64/20
[9.Re1± 1.03/21]
9...d6N 1.19/20
[9...d5± 0.64/20 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Qf3 Bd6 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Re1 0-0 14.Bd2 Rfe8 15.Nf3 Rxe1+ 16.Nxe1 Re8 17.Nc3 Nb4 18.Kf1 Suetin,A (2410)-Pirozhkov Russia 57/(335) 1993]
10.Nf3 Be7 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 Nd7 1.56/18
[⌓12...b4 1.08/18]
13.Be3 f5? 3.39/18
[13...c5± 1.34/18 14.d4 *(14.cxb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Bxa8±)* 14...Re8]
14.Nd5 1.36/17
[14.cxb5 f4+-]
[14.Nd4+- 3.39/18]
14...fxe4 2.13/20
[14...Bf6± 1.36/17 15.Ra2 *(15.exf5 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Bxb2±)* 15...c5]
15.dxe4

(Diagram)

and Nd4 would now be decisive **15...Nf6** 2.44/19
[15...Bf6 1.62/18 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Bxa8]
16.Qd3 1.25/19



[16.Nd4+- 2.44/19]
16...c6 2.01/19
[16...Qd7± 1.25/19 17.Nd4 c5]
17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bd4 1.01/21
[18.c5+- 1.98/19]
18...c5 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Rad1 0.59/21
[20.cxb5 axb5 21.Rac1 *(21.Qxb5 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Bxe4∓)* 21...Rfe8±]
[20.Rae1± 1.45/18]
20...Rad8 1.38/21
[20...Rae8± 0.59/21]
21.Rd2 Rfe8 22.Re1
[22.cxb5 Bxe4 23.Qc3 axb5=]
22...Qf4 1.91/21
[22...Bc6± 1.44/19 23.cxb5 axb5]
23.Rde2+-
[23.cxb5 Bxe4 24.Qc4+ d5∓]
23...Rf8 2.43/19
[23...bxc4 1.66/20 might work better. 24.Qxc4+ *(24.bxc4 Rb8=)* 24...Qf7]
24.Nd2 Qe5 25.Qc3 1.51/20
[White should try 25.cxb5+- 2.90/20 axb5 26.Qxb5]
25...Qf4 2.34/18
[25...Qxc3± 1.51/20 26.bxc3 Bc6]
26.f3 b4 27.Qd3 Qe5 28.Nf1 Rd7
29.Ne3 g5 30.Nd5 Rg7 31.Rf1 Bc8
32.Ref2 Be6 33.f4 gxf4 34.Nxf4
[34.Rxf4?! Rff7±]
34...Bc8 35.Nd5? 1.04/23
[35.Qd5++- 3.55/21 Qxd5 36.exd5 *(36.Nxd5 Rxf2 37.Rxf2 Bb7±)*]
35...Rxf2± 36.Rxf2 Rf7 Prevents Qf3.
37.Rxf7 Kxf7 Endgame KQB-KQN. White is a pawn up. **38.Qf3+ Kg7**



39.Qg3+? -0.01/25
[39.h3!+- 1.62/22]
39...Qxg3= 40.hxg3 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **40...Bg4 41.Kf2?** -4.30/29
[41.e5= -0.01/29 and White stays safe. dxe5 42.Nc7]
41...Bd1-+ 42.Ne3? -6.89/28
[42.e5 -3.77/26 Kf7 *(42...Bxb3? 43.exd6 Ba4 44.Nb6+-; 42...dxe5 43.Nc7=)* 43.Nc7 *(43.exd6? Ke6∓)*]
42...Bxb3 aiming for ...Kf6. Black is clearly winning. **43.Nf5+ Kf6**
[43...Kf7 44.Nxd6+ Kf6 45.Nb7=]
44.Nxd6 Ke5 45.Nb7 Kd4
[Inferior is 45...Bxc4 46.Ke3= *(46.Nxc5?* too greedy. *Kd6-+)*]
46.e5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.40
46...Bxc4
0-1

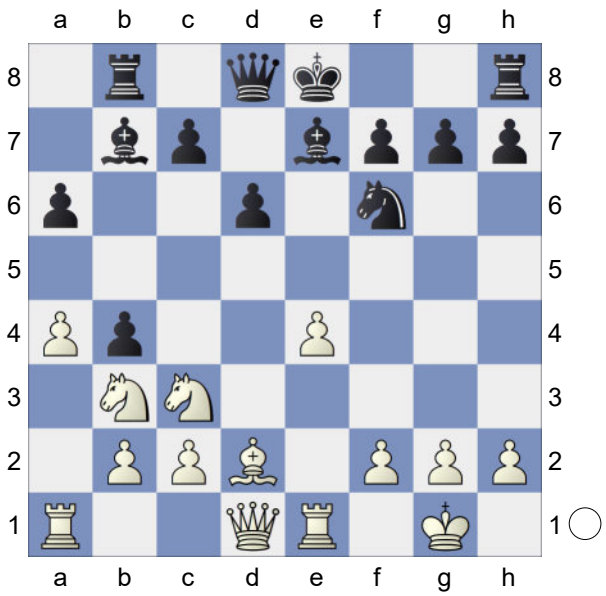
C70

□ **Shahade,Gregory** **2476**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2483**
Titled Tuesday 28. Sept (4) 28.09.2021
[Kitty Kat]

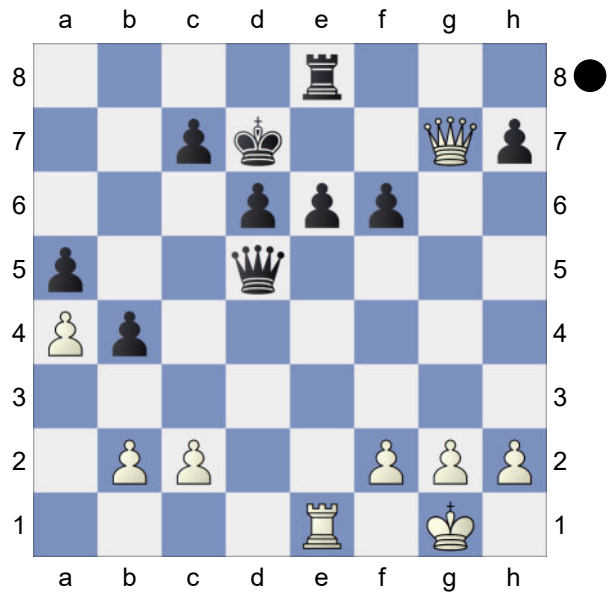
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 11.Re1 0.20/22
[11.a4± 0.56/21]
11...Nf6 The position is equal. **12.Nc3** 0.11/22
[12.Bb4± 0.47/21]
[12.e5 dxe5 13.Rxe5+ Be7 14.Qe1 Kf8 15.Rxe7 Nd5 16.Re2 h5 17.Nd4 c5 18.Nf3 h4 19.Ng5 h3 20.Nxh3 Rxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6 22.f3 Rd8 23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.Bxc3 Qxf3 25.Rd1 Qh1+ 0-1 Marczykoski,P (1716)-Martinez Camacho,V (1766) corr BRA - MEX 2023]
12...Be7= 13.a4 b4N 0.69/24
[13...0-0= -0.13/20 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qf3 Re8 16.Nd4 b4 17.Nd5 c5 18.Nf5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Bf4 Ra8 22.Rd1 Qd7 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.h3 Bc8 25.Ne3 Qxg4 26.hxg4 Ra2 27.Nc4 Ra6 28.Re1 Bd7 0-1 (55) Schneider,I (2525)-Bethke,R (2381) GER-ch blitz 2022 (10)]

(Diagram)

14.Nd5!± Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Bg5 Be6 17.Bxe7 -0.45/21
[17.Nd4± 0.75/26 Bxg5 18.Nc6]
17...Qxe7∓ 18.Nd4 Qf6! 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Qh5+ -1.06/22



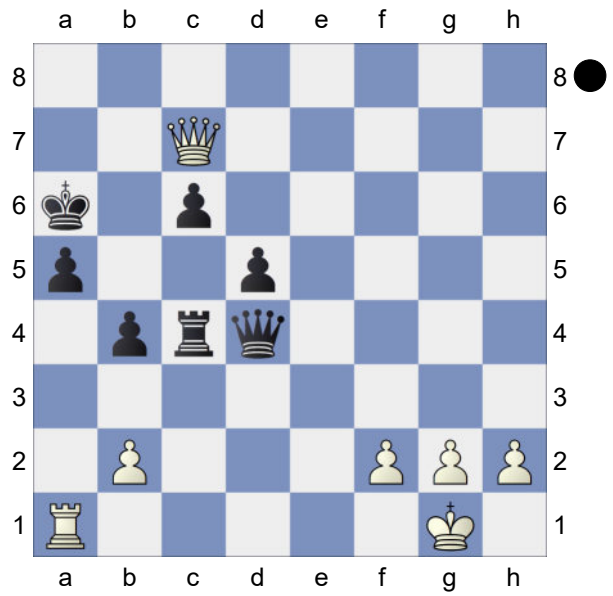
[20.Qe2∓ -0.38/24]
20...Kd7∓ 21.Re3 -2.00/22
[21.Rac1∓ -0.79/22]
21...Rbf8 -0.67/24
[21...Qxb2-+ -2.00/22 22.Rae1 *(22.Qf7+ Kc6∓)* 22...Qxc2 23.Rxe6 Rhf8 *(23...Qxa4 24.Qf5=)*]
22.Rf1 -1.41/22
[22.Qe2∓ -0.67/24]
22...Qf5 -0.06/23
[22...Qxb2∓ -1.41/22 23.Qe2 Rf6]
23.Qe2= a5 24.Re1
[24.Rd1 keeps more tension. Qc5 25.Qg4 Kc6 26.Rd4]
24...Rf6 25.Rf3 -1.15/24
[25.Rg3= -0.17/22 keeps the balance.]
25...Qd5 -0.01/21
[25...Qh5!∓ -1.15/24 26.Rg3 *(26.Rxf6? Qxe2 27.Rf7+ Ke8-+)* 26...g6 27.Qxh5 gxh5]
26.Rxf6? -1.93/24
[26.c4= -0.01/21 and White stays safe. bxc3 27.Rxc3]
26...gxf6 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **27.Qg4** -2.57/23
[27.c3 -1.88/23 was called for.]
27...Re8!-+ 28.Qg7+



Re7! 29.Qxf6 Qc6?→ -0.01/23
Black is up to no good.
[29...Qd2-+ -2.34/25 30.Rf1 Qxc2]
30.Qg5!= d5 31.Qf4 Qxa4
[31...Qxc2? 32.Rc1 Qxa4 *(32...Qxb2 33.Rxc7+ Ke8 34.Rc8+ Kd7 35.Qc7#)* 33.Rxc7+ *(33.Qxc7+ Ke8±)* 33...Kd8 34.Rc1+- *(34.Qd6+ Rd7=)*]
32.c4 -0.50/24
[32.g3= -0.01/23]
32...Qc6 0.01/17
[32...b3!∓ -0.50/24 33.Rc1 Qb4]
33.cxd5 exd5 34.Qf5+ Kd8 35.Qg5 Qd6
[35...Qc5 simplifies 36.Rxe7 Qxe7 37.Qxd5+ Kc8]
36.Qg8+ -1.12/5
[White should try 36.Rxe7∓ -0.33/24 h6 37.Qe5 Qxe7 38.Qxd5+ Qd6 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.h4]
36...Kd7∓ 37.Qg4+? -5.44/21
[37.Rxe7+∓ -1.33/24 Kxe7 38.Qxh7+ Kd8 39.g3]
37...Kd8? 0.01/18
[37...Kc6-+ -5.44/21 38.Rf1 Kb6]
38.Qg8+= Kd7 39.Rd1 -3.51/22
[39.Qg4+= 0.01/22 Kc6 40.Rc1+ Kb6 41.Qc8]
39...c6 -1.52/22
[39...d4-+ -3.51/22 and ...d3 should not be overlooked 40.Qa8 d3 41.Qxa5 Re5]
40.Qa8∓ Qc7 -1.03/21
[40...Qe5∓ -0.64/23 was preferable. 41.g3 Qxb2 42.Qa7+ Kd6 43.Qxa5 Re2]
41.Qg8? -5.47/23
[41.Qa6∓ -1.03/21 nothing else works.]
41...Qb6 42.Qg4+ -4.71/22
[⌓42.h4 -3.35/21 Kc7 43.Qf8]
42...Kc7-+ 43.Qf4+ Kb7 44.Qd6 -6.68/24
[⌓44.h3 -4.61/22 Qc7 45.Qxc7+ Kxc7 46.Kf1]
44...Qc7 45.Qc5 Re4 46.Ra1? -7.36/21
[46.g3 -3.71/21 a4 47.Rc1]
46...Rc4 47.Qf8 Qb6 48.Qg7+? -4.92/25
[48.Qf5 -3.04/22 Ka6 49.g3]
48...Ka6
[48...Qc7? 49.Qg5-+ *(49.Qxc7+ Kxc7 50.f3 b3-+)*]
49.Qxh7 Qd4 -1.00/24 Prevents h4
[49...Qc5-+ -4.74/25 is more deadly. 50.Qd3 Kb6]
50.Qc7∓

(Diagram)

Qc5
[50...Qxb2 51.Rxa5#]
51.Qc8+! Ka7? 0.01/30
[Black should play 51...Kb5∓ -1.54/29 (-> ...Rc1+) 52.Qb8+ Qb6]
52.Qc7+= Ka6 53.Qc8+! Kb5 54.Qb7+ -2.16/5
[54.Qb8+ -1.74/22 was forced. Qb6 55.Qg3]
54...Qb6-+ 55.Qa8 -7.87/23



[55.Qh7 -2.95/22 b3 56.Qd3]
55...Rc2 56.b3 Qxf2+ 57.Kh1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.81
57...Qxg2#
0-1

C70
□ **Raja,H** **2472**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2482**
Titled Arena Jan 2. 2021 blitz 02.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.Nc3 -0.01/21
[7.d4± 0.62/21 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 g6 11.Ne3 Bg7 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 Na5 18.a4 Re8 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Rb1 b3 21.Bd2 Nc6 22.Qxb3 ½-½ (23) Morozevich,A (2656)-Vallejo Pons,F (2688) Kazan (rapid) 141/(114) 2019]
[7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.b4 c4 12.Bg5 Bb7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.Rfd1 Rfe8 19.Nh2 h6 20.Qg3 Qe6 21.Ng4 Bg5 ½-½ (47) 12.ef6 gf6 13.0-0 (2312)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2519) 22.DFM corr BdF 1994 (2)]
7...Nf6N
[7...Nxb3 8.axb3 Bb7 9.d4 f6 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.d5 Qd7 12.f4 b4 13.Na4 exf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.c4 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Stertenbrink,G (2286)-Schellingerhout,J (2409) HMC Calder Cup 2014]
8.d4 exd4 9.Nd5 The position is equal.
9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Bb7 1.36/24
[10...Nxd5= 0.23/24 11.exd5 Be7]
11.Bg5 0.75/22
[11.Nxd4?! c6±]
[11.Qxd4?! Be7±]
[11.Re1! 1.36/24]
11...Bxd5 1.70/26
[11...Be7± 0.75/22 12.Nxe7 *(12.Qxd4 c5=)* 12...Qxe7]
12.exd5+- Be7 13.Nxd4 h6? 4.23/29
[13...0-0± 1.59/24 14.Re1 Qd7]
14.Nc6 Qd7 15.Re1 hxg5 16.Rxe7+ Qxe7 17.Nxe7 Kxe7 18.Qd2 g4 19.Re1+ Kf8 20.Qc3 Rh5 21.Qxc7 Rxd5 22.Qb7 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Kxe8 Endgame KQ-KRN **24.h3**
[24.Qxa6? Rd1#]
24...gxh3 25.gxh3 Rd1+ 26.Kg2 Rd2 27.Qxa6 Rxc2 28.Qxb5+
[28.Qxd6 Rxf2+ 29.Kg1 Rf5±]
28...Ke7 29.Qb7+ Ke6 30.Qf3 d5 31.Qd3 Rxb2 32.Qc3? 0.26/24
[32.Qa6+!+- 3.35/24 Kf5 33.Qc8+ Kg6 34.Qc1]
32...Ra2? 1.90/25
[32...Rxf2+!= 0.26/24 33.Kg1 Rf5]
33.Kg1 1.28/24

[33.Qc8++- 1.90/25 Kd6 34.Qf8+ Ke6 35.Qxg7]
33...Ne4± 34.Qc6+ 0.72/24
[⌓34.Qxg7 1.50/23 Rxf2 35.b4]
34...Ke5 35.f3 0.01/19
[35.Qc7+!± 0.81/22 Ke6 36.f4]
35...Ra1+= 36.Kg2
[36.Kh2!? Ra2+□ 37.Kg1 Ra1+ 38.Kg2 Ra2+ 39.Kf1 Rf2+ 40.Ke1 Rxf3 41.Qb7=]
36...Ra2+ 37.Kf1 Rf2+ 38.Ke1⇄
White puts up resistance **38...Rxf3 39.b4 Rxh3 40.b5 Rb3 41.b6 Nd6 42.Qc7 Ke6** Prevents Qe7+. **43.Kd1 g5 44.Kc2 Rb4 45.Kd1 g4 46.Qc5 Rb5** 4.65/22
[46...Rb1+= -0.16/23 and Black stays safe. 47.Kc2 Rb5 48.Qe3+ Kd7]
47.Qe3+? -0.34/24
[47.Qxb5!+- 4.65/22 Nxb5 48.b7]
47...Kd7
[47...Ne4!?]
48.Qf4 Rxb6
[48...f5 is more complex. 49.Qe5 Kc6 50.Ke2 Rxb6 51.Qc3+ Nc4]
49.Qxg4+ f5 50.Qg7+ Kc6 51.Kd2 Rb4 52.Qh8 Rc4 53.Qa8+ Kc5 54.Qa7+ Kc6 55.Qa8+ Kc5 56.Kd3 Rd4+ 57.Ke3 aiming for Qa7+.
57...Nc4+ 58.Ke2 Re4+ -0.17/23
[58...Rd2+∓ -0.55/25 59.Kf3 Ne5+ 60.Kg3 Rd3+ 61.Kf4 Nc6]
59.Kd3 -1.06/27
[59.Kf2= -0.17/23]
59...Ne5+ -0.10/24
[59...Re3+∓ -1.06/27 60.Kc2 Re2+ 61.Kd1 Re5]
60.Kc2 d4 61.Qa5+ -0.41/26
[61.Qf8+= -0.01/25 Kd5 62.Qxf5]
61...Kd6∓ 62.Qb6+ -0.96/23
[62.Qa6+∓ -0.44/25 Ke7 63.Qh6]

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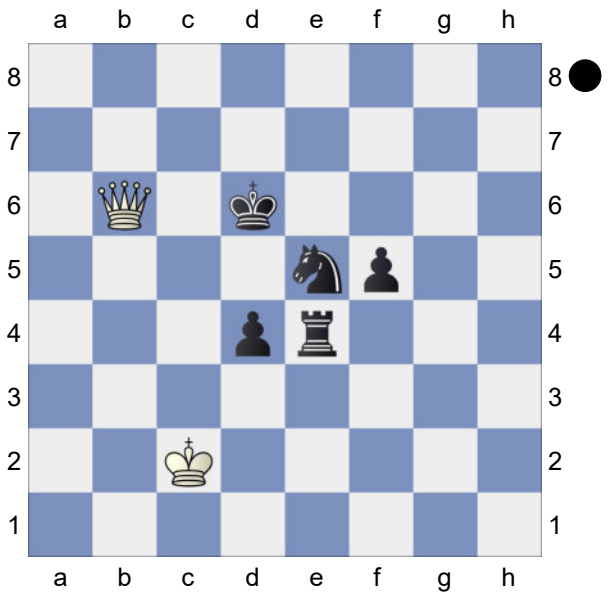
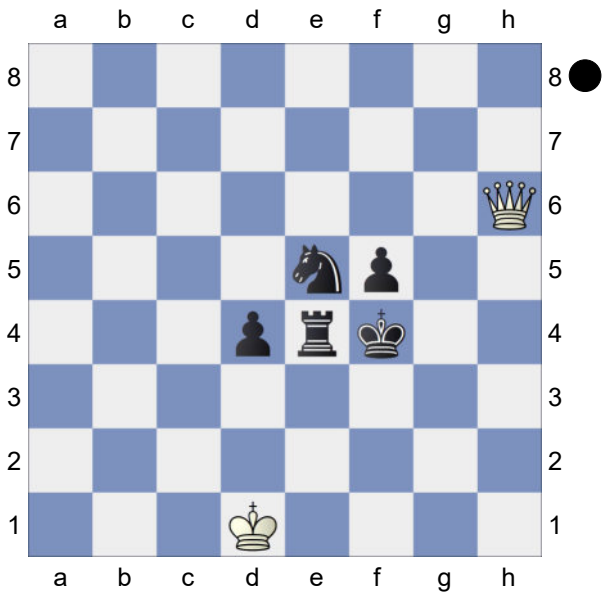


62...Kd5 -0.01/23
[62...Ke7!∓ -0.96/23]
63.Qb7+ -0.88/26
[63.Qd8+= -0.01/23 remains equal. Ke6 64.Qb6+ Kf7 65.Qh6]
63...Ke6∓ 64.Qc8+ -1.37/25
[⌓64.Qa6+ -0.83/24 Ke7 65.Qh6]
64...Kf6 65.Qh8+? -5.35/26
[65.Qd8+∓ -1.04/25 nothing else works. Kg6 66.Qg8+ Kh5 67.Qh7+ Kg4 68.Qg7+ Kf3 69.Qh7]
65...Kg5-+ 66.Kd2 Repels Re2+
66...Nf3+ 67.Kd1 -14.18/25
[⌓67.Kd3 -5.14/30 Re3+ 68.Kc4]
67...Ne5? 0.01/26
[67...d3-+ -14.18/25 68.Qg7+ Kh4 69.Qh7+ Kg3 70.Qg6+ Kf2 71.Qb6+ Kg2]
68.Qg7+? -5.41/29
[68.Kd2!= 0.01/26 and White is okay.]
68...Kf4 ...d3 is the strong threat.
69.Qh6+

(Diagram)

Kf3? -0.01/26
[69...Kg4 70.Qh8=]



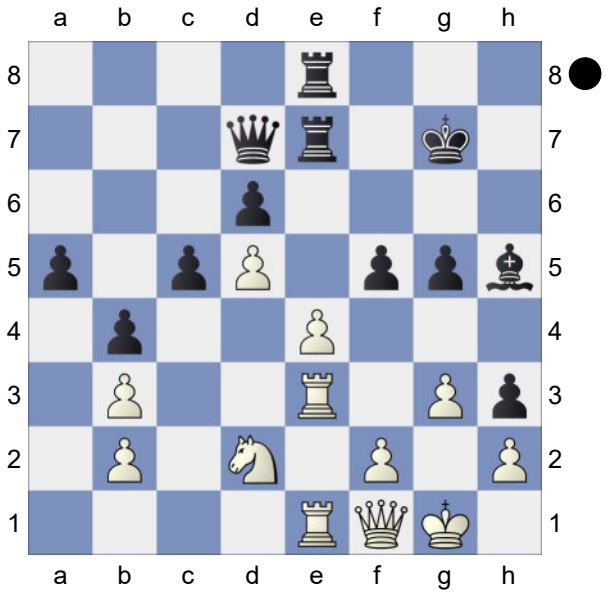
[69...Kg3!-+ -4.93/30 70.Qg5+ Ng4]
70.Kd2? -7.65/23
[70.Qh3+= -0.01/26 Kf4 71.Qh4+ Ng4 72.Kd2]
70...Kg4? -0.53/25
[70...Re2+-+ -7.65/23 71.Kc1 d3]
71.Qg7+∓ Kf4
[71...Kf3 72.Qh7 Kg4 73.Qg7+ Kf3 74.Qh7=]
72.Qh8? -6.10/26
[72.Qh6+∓ -0.49/26 Kg4 73.Qg7+ Kf3 74.Qh7 Nc4+ 75.Kd3 Ne5+ 76.Kd2]
72...Kg4? 0.01/29
[72...Nf3+-+ -6.10/26 73.Kc1 Re1+ 74.Kb2 Re2+ 75.Kc1 d3 76.Qh6+ Kg3 77.Qd6+ Ne5]
73.Qg8+ -0.61/30
[White should try 73.Qg7+!= 0.01/29 Kf3 74.Qh7]
73...Kf4 -0.01/24
[73...Kh3∓ -0.61/30]
74.Qg2? -#25/27
[74.Qh8= -0.01/24]
74...Nf3+ 75.Kc1 Re1+ 76.Kc2 Re3 (-> ...Ne1+) **77.Qg8 Ne1+** -4.34/27
[⌓77...d3+ -11.35/24 78.Kb2 d2 79.Qb8+ Kg4 80.Qg8+ Kh3 81.Qh7+ Kg2]
78.Kb1 -6.16/26
[⌓78.Kd2 -4.34/27 Nf3+ 79.Kc1 *(79.Kd1? d3-+)*]
78...Nf3? -0.01/26
[Black should play 78...Re5-+ -6.16/26 79.Qb3 Nf3]
79.Qh7? -6.31/28
[79.Kc2= -0.01/26]
79...Ke4 80.Qh6 Re1+ 81.Kc2 Re2+ 82.Kb3 Re3+ 83.Ka4? -6.97/23
[83.Kb2 -3.32/24 Ne5 84.Qh4+ Kd3 85.Qf6]
83...d3? -0.37/19
[83...Kd3-+ -6.97/23 84.Qa6+ Ke4]
84.Qf8? -9.10/23
[84.Qc6+∓ -0.37/19 Ke5 *(84...Kf4 85.Qh6+ Ke4 86.Qc6+ Kd4 87.Qb6+ Ke4 88.Qc6+=)* 85.Qc7+ Ke4 86.Qc6+]
84...d2-+ 85.Qg7 Kf4 -11.11/21
[Less strong is 85...d1B+ 86.Ka5-+]
[⌓85...d1Q+ -#8/18 86.Ka5 Ra3+ 87.Kb5 Qd5+ *(87...Qb3+* is a self mate. *88.Kc5 Qc2+ 89.Kd6 Ra6+ 90.Kd7 Ra7+* Skewer *91.Kd8 Rxg7 92.Ke8 Qc8#)* 88.Kb6 Qd6+ 89.Kb5 Rb3+ 90.Kc4 Qd5#]
86.Qe7 Re4+ 87.Qxe4+ A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.34
87...fxe4
0-1

	C70
□ **Ernst,Thomas**	**2465**
■ **Agdestein,Simen**	**2560**
(zt) 43/405 Gausdal	1987

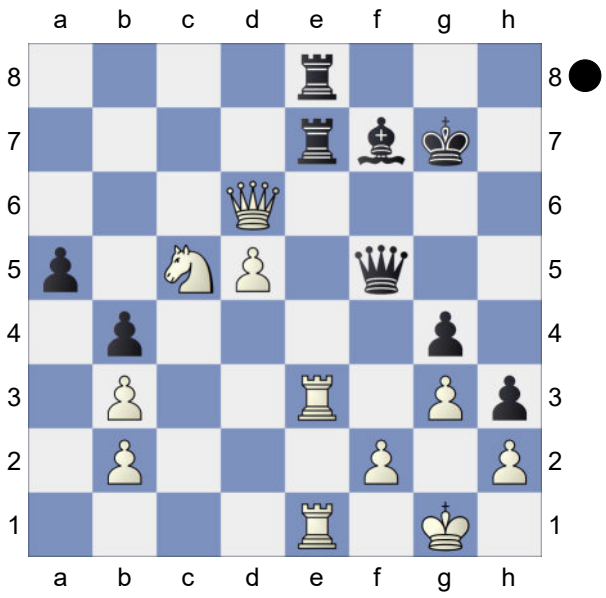
[TA]

Ernst,Th: 'Inf 43/405'
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4,

Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5
[4...Be7 — 43/(405)]
5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.c4 White is more active.
9...b4 10.Nh4 0.07/24
[10.Be3± 0.47/23]
10...Ne7N Ernst,Th: 'N'
[10...g6]
11.Be3 -0.29/22
[⌓11.d5 0.30/25]
11...g6 Black has an edge. **12.Qd2** -0.79/24
[12.Nf3= -0.01/22]
12...exd4!∓
[12...Bg7? -0.01/24 12...exd4 -0.70 13.dxe5 dxe5 0.96/25 *(13...fxe5=* -0.12/23 *14.c5 d5)* 14.Qxb4]
[12...Qd7!?]
13.Bxd4 Bg7 -0.04/21
[Black should play 13...Nc6∓ -0.67/24]
14.Be3= a5 15.Bh6 0-0 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qe3± c5N 18.Nd2
[⌓18.f4 -0.52/24 18.Nd2 -0.01]
18...g5!? 19.Nhf3 Ng6 20.Rfd1 Re8 21.Nf1 h5 22.Qd3 -0.36/25
[White should play 22.h4!± 0.60/24]
22...Ra6 0.01/24
[22...h4∓ -0.36/25]
23.Ne3 Nf4↑ Black has the initiative.
24.Qc2 h4 0.23/27
[24...Qe7 -0.18/23]
25.Nd5?
[25.Nd2 -0.56/24 25.Re1 0.26 Δ f3, ♘df1, g3± Δ f3, Ndf1, g3± Ernst,Th: 'Δ f3, ♘df1, g3±']
25...Nxd5 26.cxd5 h3 27.g3 -1.54/27
[27.Nd2= -0.27/26]
27...Ra7 -0.51/25
[27...f5!∓ -1.54/27 28.exf5 Qf6]
28.Re1∓ Rae7 29.Re3! Bg4 -0.24/27
[29...g4∓ -0.77/26 30.Nd2 f5]
30.Rae1= Qd7 0.01/27
[30...Bxf3∓ -0.35/27 is superior. 31.Rxf3 Qd7]
31.Nd2
[⌓31.Qd3 -4.43/29 31.Nd2 0.00]
31...f5! 32.Qc4 -0.84/27
[32.exf5= -0.01/27 Rxe3 33.f6+ Kxf6 34.fxe3]
32...Bh5 -0.48/26
[32...f4∓ -0.84/27 33.Rd3 Qc8]
33.Qf1 -1.85/27
[33.Qa6∓ -0.48/26]



33...fxe4!-+ 34.Nxe4 -3.37/29
[34.Rxe4 -1.93/26 was called for. Rxe4 35.Rxe4]
34...g4?⊕ 0.01/26
[⌓34...Re5]
[34...Re5-+ -3.37/29 And now ...g4! would win. 35.f4 gxf4 *(35...Rxd5? 36.fxg5 Qf7 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.g4+-)* 36.Qxf4 Rf8 37.Nxc5 Rxf4 38.Nxd7 Rxe3 39.Rxe3 Rd4 40.Re7+ Bf7]
35.Qa6! Bf7 36.Nxd6
[36.Qxd6 Qf5 Prevents Qf6+ 37.Nxc5?? -#14/30 *(37.Qf4=* -0.01/27 *Qxf4 38.gxf4)*
(Diagram)



A) ⌓37...Rxe3! -#14/30 38.Rf1 *(38.Ne6+ Qxe6)* 38...Qf3 39.Qf6+ Qxf6 40.fxe3 Qxb2 41.Ne6+ Bxe6 42.Rf2 Qc1+ 43.Rf1 Qxe3+ 44.Rf2 Bxd5 45.Kf1 Qe1#; **B)** 37...Qf3!-+ -35.37/27]

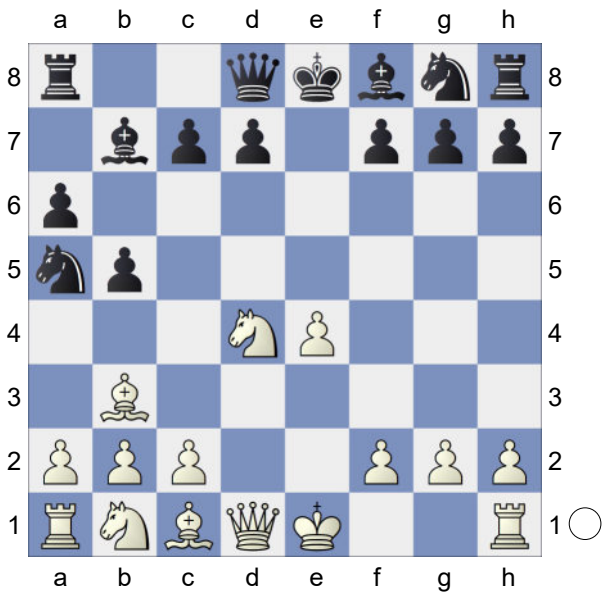
36...Rxe3 37.fxe3 Rd8 38.Nxf7
White now steadily converts the win.
38...Qxf7= 4.95/25 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up.
[38...Qxd5! 39.Qh6+! Kxf7 40.Rf1+ Kg8! 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.e4 Qd4+ 43.Kh1 Qd1!!= □ □ Ernst,Th: '□']
[38...Qxd5!= -0.01/23 and Black stays safe. 39.Qh6+ Kxf7 40.Rf1+ Kg8 41.Qg6+ Kh8]
39.e4+- White is clearly winning.
[39.Qxa5 gets mated. Rf8 *(39...Rxd5 40.e4∓)*]
39...Qf3 40.Qe2 Repels Qg2+
[40.Qxa5? Qg2#]
40...Qxe2 41.Rxe2 [♖ 6/h] [R 6/h] Ernst, Th: '[♖ 6/h]'. KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
41...Kf6 7.82/22
[⌓41...Rd7 4.77/21 42.Rf2 Rd8]
42.Kf2 Ke5 43.Ke3 c4
[43...Rf8 44.Rf2]
44.bxc4 Rf8 45.c5 a4 46.c6 a3
47.bxa3 bxa3 48.Rc2 Rc8 49.Kd3 Rc7 50.Kc4 Kxe4 51.Kc5 Ra7
52.Ra2 Black must now prevent d6.
[52.d6 7.64/21 52.Ra2 21.14]
52...Ra5+ 53.Kb6 Rxd5 54.c7 Rd6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.80
55.Kb7
1-0

C70
□ **Fishbein,A** **2458**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2522**
Titled Tuesday 1. Feb B (4) 02.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

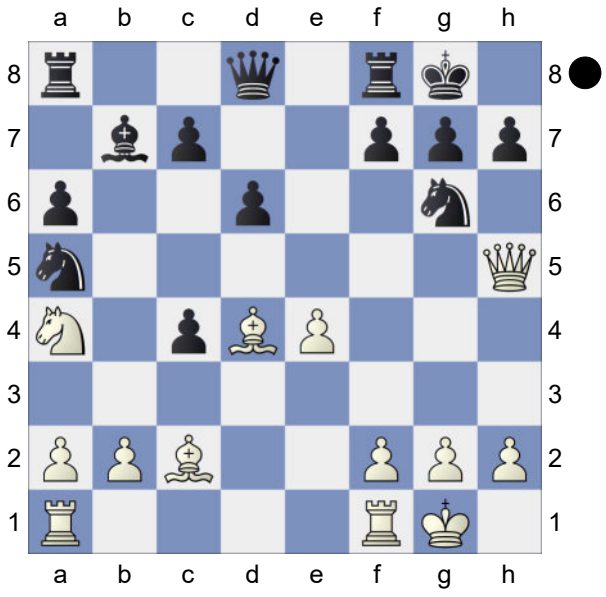
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4
[7.Qxd4 Bb7 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3 d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1* 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004]
7...Bb7

(Diagram)

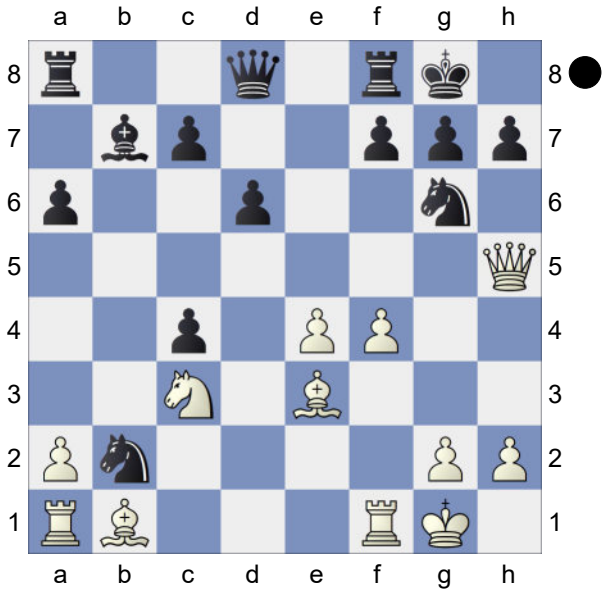
8.c4N
[8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 C 70/04 1997]



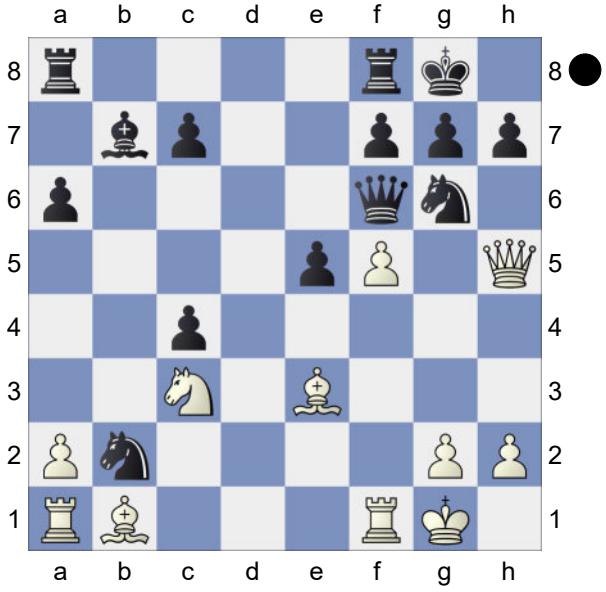
8...bxc4
[8...Nxb3 9.axb3]
9.Bc2 White is slightly better. **9...Bc5**
10.0-0 White has compensation.
10...Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Be3 d6
13.Qh5 Ng6 14.Na4? -1.02/21
[14.Nf5± 0.62/21]
14...Bxd4∓ 15.Bxd4



Nc6 16.Be3 -1.12/22
[⌓16.Bc3 -0.74/21]
16...Nb4 17.Bb1 Nd3 Dodges Rc1
18.Nc3 Nxb2 -0.67/21 A dynamic duo of knights.
[18...Qe7∓ -1.17/20 19.b3 Qf6
(19...Bxe4 20.bxc4 Ndf4 21.Bxf4±)]
19.f4



Qf6! This move loses the game for White. **20.e5?** -4.07/21 **dxe5-+ 21.f5** -9.51/19
[⌓21.fxe5 -4.02/21 Qxe5 22.Qxe5 Nxe5 23.Ne2]



21...Nf4! 22.Qg4
[22.Be4 Nxh5]
22...Nxg2 23.Bc5
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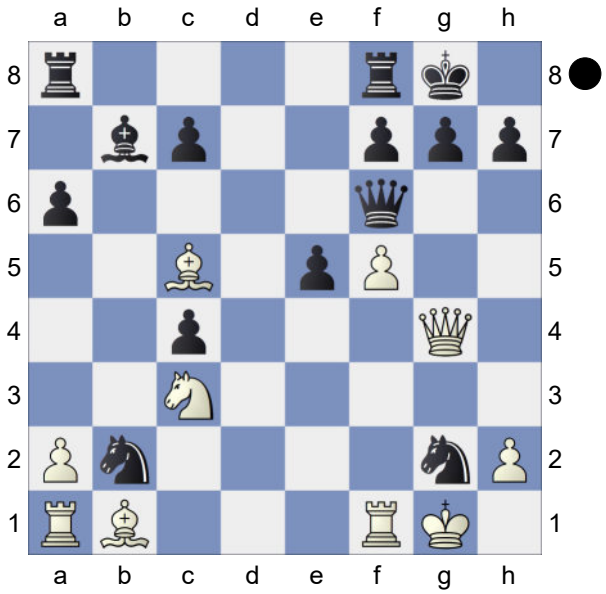
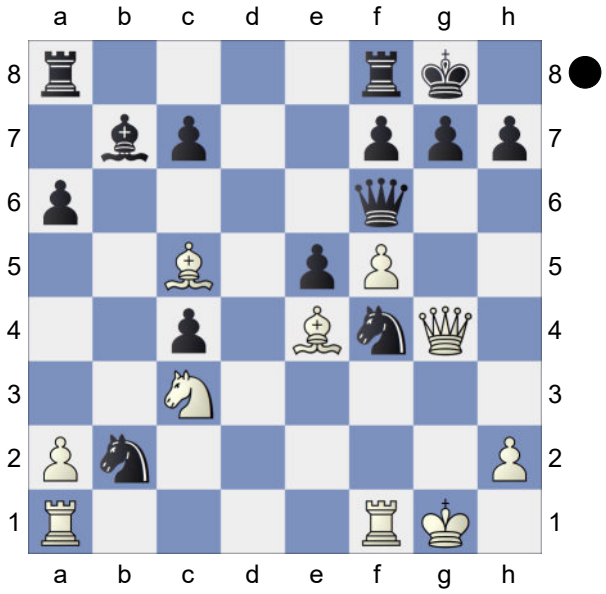


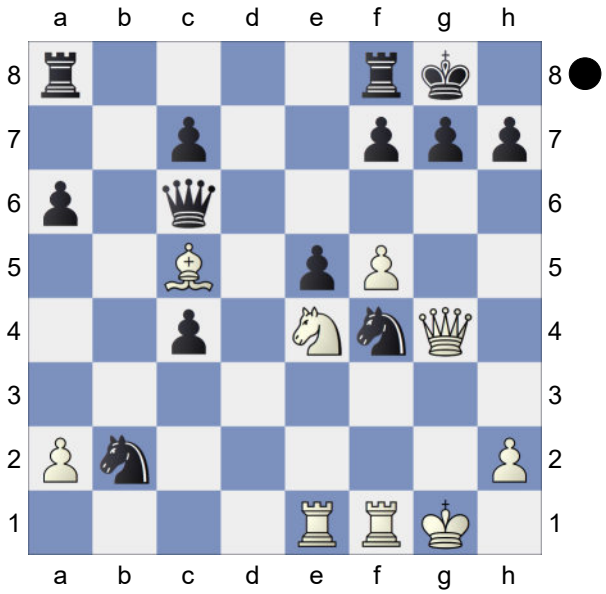
Threatens to win with Be4!. **23...Nf4! 24.Be4**



Bxe4! 25.Nxe4 Qc6 26.Rae1 -9.23/21
[⌓26.Rxf4 -4.83/22 h5 Deflection *(26...exf4 27.f6∓)* 27.Qg2 exf4 28.Bd4]

(Diagram)

26...f6! 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Re3 Nbd3 29.Rg3 Rf7
[Stronger than 29...Qxe4 30.Qxg7#]



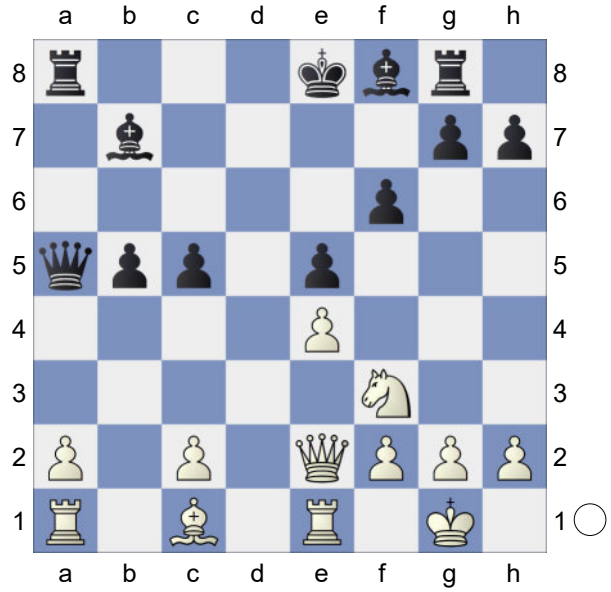
30.Qf3 h6 31.h4 c3 32.Nxc3 Qxc3 33.Kh2 Qc2+ 34.Kh1 Qxa2 35.Rfg1 Qe2 -9.47/22
[⌓35...Nf2+ -#19/26 36.Qxf2 Qxf2 37.Rg4 Qf3+ 38.R1g2 Nxg2 39.Rxg2 Rd7 *(39...Qxf5? 40.Rd2-+)* 40.Kh2 Rd1 *(40...Qxf5* is a self mate. *41.Kg1 Qf4 42.Rg6 Rd1+ 43.Kg2 Rd2+ 44.Kg1 Qh2+ 45.Kf1 Qf2#)* 41.h5 Kf8 *(41...Qxh5+ 42.Kg3 Qg5+ 43.Kf2 Rd2+* Skewer *44.Ke1 Qe3+ 45.Kf1 Rd1#)* 42.Rg1 Rd2+ 43.Rg2 Qxg2#]
36.Qxe2 Nxe2 37.Rxd3 Nxg1 38.Kxg1 Endgame KR-KR. Black is 4 pawns up. **38...Re7 39.Ra3 e4 40.Kf2 Re5 41.Rxa6 Rxf5+ 42.Ke3 Re5 43.Rc6 Re7 44.h5 Kf7 45.Rc5 Ke8 46.Ra5 Kd7 47.Rd5+ Kc6 48.Ra5 Re5 49.Ra8 Rxh5** White must now prevent ...Kd5. **50.Kxe4 Re5+ 51.Kf4 h5 52.Rg8 g5+ 53.Kf3 Rf5+ 54.Kg2 h4 55.Rg6 Kd5 56.Kh3 c5 57.Kg4 Rf4+ 58.Kh5 h3 59.Rh6 Rh4+ 60.Kg6 Rxh6+** Black mates. **61.Kf5 h2 62.Kg4 h1Q 63.Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.06/ Black=0.73

63...Qe4#
0-1

	C70
□ **Ernst,Thomas**	**2455**
■ **Jansa,Vlastimil**	**2445**
44/206 Gausdal	1987

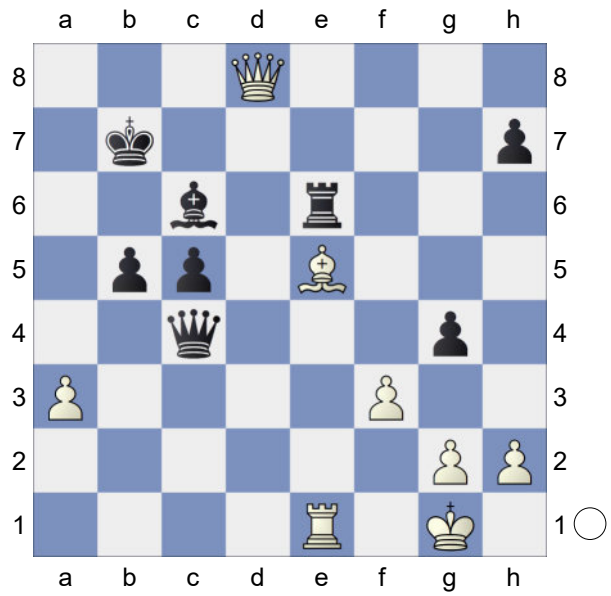
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 f6 8.Bxg8 Rxg8 9.b4 Nc4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 0.01/24
[11.Nxd2± 0.77/22 Rh8 12.Nb3]
11...Bb7 12.Re1 a5 1.35/23 **13.bxa5** 0.48/22 White is more active.
[13.a4± 1.35/23]
13...c5± 14.dxc5 0.26/20
[14.Qe2± 0.68/24]
14...dxc5 15.Qe2 Qxa5 2.16/20
[15...Rxa5± 0.50/19 16.Bd2 b4]



16.Nxe5!+- Black must now prevent Nd3. **16...0-0-0**
[16...fxe5 17.Qh5+ g6 18.Qxe5+ Kf7 19.Rd1]
17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Bb2? 0.01/23
[White should try 18.Be3+- 1.62/20]
18...Rge8= 19.e5
[19.a4 simplifies Rxe4 20.Qxb5 Qxb5 21.axb5 Rc4 22.c3]
19...fxe5! 20.Nxe5 next a4! is good for White. **20...Kb8** 1.17/21
[20...Qb4= 0.08/21 21.Rab1 h6]
21.Rab1 0.23/20
[21.c4± 1.17/21]
21...Ka8 0.93/21
[21...Bc7!= 0.23/20 remains equal.]
22.a3 -0.01/23
[22.Qf1!± 0.93/21]
22...Re7 0.38/22
[22...Bb8= -0.01/23]
23.Rbd1 0.01/20
[23.Red1± 0.38/22 is more appropriate.]
23...Bxe5? 1.66/24 A strong pair of Bishops.
[23...Bc7= 0.01/20]
24.Rxd8++- Qxd8 25.Bxe5 Qd5 26.f3 g5 2.26/25
[26...c4 1.62/23 was worth a try. 27.Qe3 Bc8]
27.Qe3
[27.Qxb5? Rxe5 28.Qa5+ Kb8-+]
27...g4N 28.Qc3 0.01/20
[28.fxg4? Qxg2#]
[Only move: 28.c4!± 1.52/24 bxc4 29.Qc3 *(29.fxg4? Qxg2#)*]
28...Bc6= 29.Qa5+
[29.fxg4? Qxg2#]
29...Kb7 30.c4 Deflection **30...Qxc4 31.Qd8→** Black needs to defend precisely. Dancing on a razor blade. White leaves nothing to chance now.
31...Re6 4.06/27
[31...Rd7!= -0.01/26 32.Qb8+ Ka6]

(Diagram)



Black is weak on the dark squares

32.a4!+- b4? 9.79/21

[32...gxf3? 33.Qb8+ Ka6 34.axb5+ Bxb5 35.Qc8+ *(35.gxf3 Rg6+ 36.Kh1 Qc2+-; 35.Ra1+ Ba4+-)* 35...Ka5 36.Qxe6 *(36.gxf3 Rg6+ 37.Kh1 Qd3=; 36.Bc7+ Kb4+-)* 36...Qxe6 *(36...f2+? 37.Kxf2 Qxe6 38.Bc3+* Discovered Attack *Ka4 39.Rxe6+-)* 37.Bc3+ *(37.gxf3? Qh6-+)* 37...Ka4 38.Rxe6+-]

[32...Rxe5 3.52/26 33.Rxe5 gxf3 34.Re7+ Ka6 35.axb5+ *(35.Rxh7? Qc1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ 37.Kg3 Qg6+ 38.Kf4 Qxh7-+; 35.Qc8+ Ka5+-)* 35...Qxb5]

(Diagram)

33.a5! Bd5

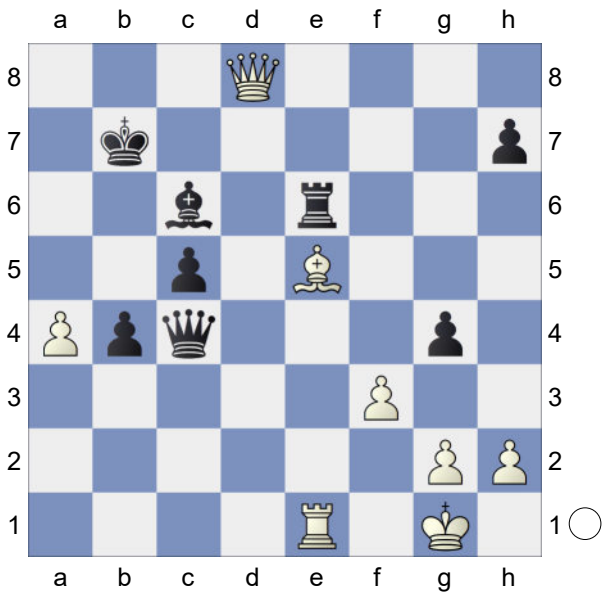
(Diagram)

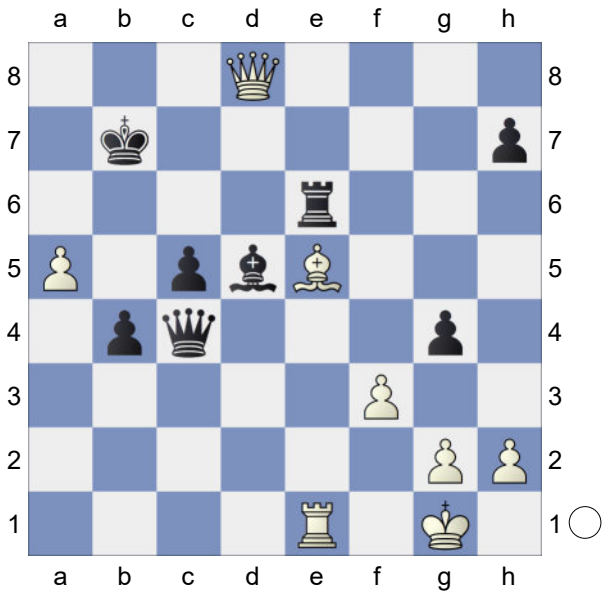
34.a6+! Kc6

[34...Ka7 35.Qc7+]

35.a7 Kb5 36.Qd7+ 8.00/20

[⌓36.Ra1 35.62/21 Qb3 37.Qa5+





(37.a8B? Qe3+ 38.Kh1 Rxe5∓) 37...Kc4 38.Rc1+ *(38.a8R Qe3+ 39.Kh1 Rxe5=)* 38...Kd3 39.Qb5+ *(39.a8R Rxe5 40.Rd8 Kd2+-)* 39...Kd2 40.Bf4+ *(40.Rxc5?* leads to mate. *Qe3+ 41.Kh1 Qe1+)* 40...Qe3+ 41.Bxe3+ Kxe3 42.Qxc5+ *(42.fxg4 Rc6+-)* 42...Kd2 43.Qxd5+ Kxc1 44.Qxe6 *(44.a8B Re2+-)*]

36...Bc6

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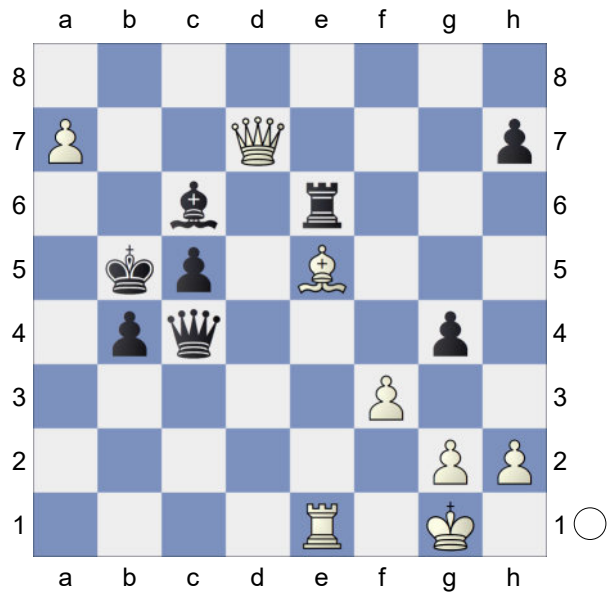
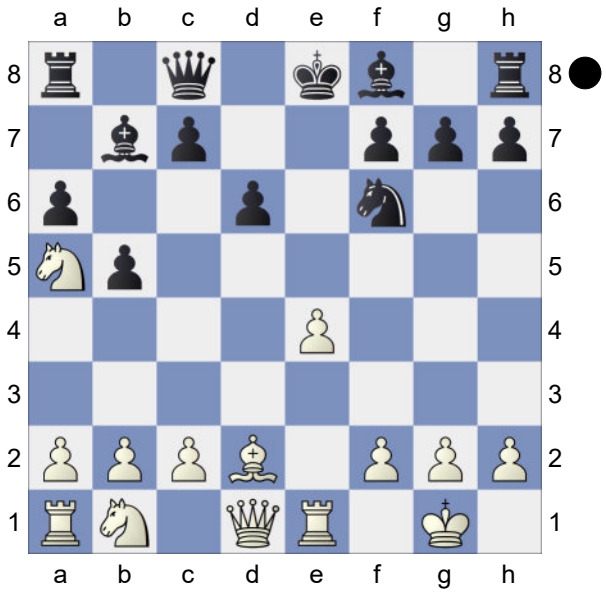


37.Qxc6+!! Remove Defender, Promotion **37...Rxc6 38.a8Q**
[38.a8B? perishes. Ra6 39.Bb7 Ra2-+]
38...gxf3 39.Qb7+ Zwischenzug
39...Rb6 40.Qxf3 b3 41.Ra1 Qc2 42.Qa8 Kc4 43.Qg8+ Kb5 44.Qe8+ Kc4 45.Qf7+ Kb5 46.Qd7+ Kc4
47.Rf1 White wants to mate with Rf4+.
47...Qe4 48.Rc1+ Kb4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=1.01
49.Bc3+
1-0

C70

□ **Wachinger,Nikolas** **2442**
■ **Bologan,Viktor** **2598**
Bundesliga 2425 (5.8) 11.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann DEVELOPMENTS The Norwegian Variation - Ideas and Trends The Norwegian Variation of the Ruy Lopez is a rare guest at top level tournaments and an almost forgotten opening line. However, I believe this is a very aggressive way to play for a win with the black pieces in the e4 e5 openings because of a great surprise factor! Let's take a closer look! **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2** 9.Bd2 is better than 9.c4. 9.Ld2 ist besser als 9.c4. **9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Na5 Qc8** White is slightly better.
[11...Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Nh6+ gxh6 22.Bxf6 Bg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Re3 Rb5 ½-½ Nayhebaver,M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10)]
12.Re1



Be7! 13.c4N
[13.Nxb7 Qxb7 14.Nc3 0-0 Ruy Lopez-Norwegian Variation 2023]
13...0-0 14.Nc3 Re8 15.Qb3N
[15.Rc1 c5 16.Bf4 Qc7 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.Bxd6 Rad8 19.e5 Bxd6

20.exd6 Rxe8+ is in the air Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 cxb5 is the strong threat. Rxd6 ½-½ (53) Brkic,A (2639)-Yoo,C (2599) Saint Louis Summer-A 2024 (5)]

15...Rb8 16.a4 bxc4 17.Qxc4 Ba8 -0.01/22

[17...Qe6!∓ -0.41/23]

18.b4 -0.51/22

[Better is 18.Nd5= -0.01/22]

18...c6 19.Rab1 d5 -0.07/21

[19...Bf8∓ -0.52/19]

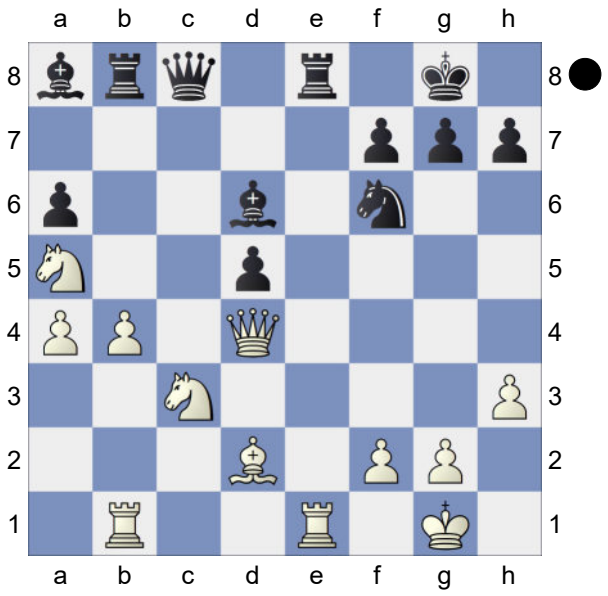
20.exd5= cxd5 21.Qd4 -0.53/22

[21.Qxc8= -0.10/23 Rbxc8 22.f3]

21...Bd6∓ This costs White the game.

22.h3? -2.17/22

[22.b5!∓ -0.34/20]



22...Rxe1+!-+ 23.Bxe1 Qe8

White must now prevent ...Rxb4!. **24.b5 Be5↑** Black has strong initiative. **25.Qc5** -2.86/23

[25.Qd1∓ -1.52/20 is the only way for White. d4 26.Ne2]

25...Rc8 26.Qb4 -4.61/22

[26.Nc6 -2.16/22 Bxc6 27.bxc6 Rxc6 28.Qa3]

26...d4 Black is clearly winning. **27.Ne2 d3 28.Ng3** -7.87/19

[⩲28.Nf4 -4.58/20 Rd8 29.Nxd3 Rxd3 30.bxa6]

28...Bxg3 29.fxg3 Rc2 (-> ...Qe2)

30.Nc6

Weighted Error Value: White=1.15/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

30...Qe2

0-1

C70

□ **Rasul1362** **2432**

■ **KairovKBR** **2550**

Blitz 27.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

Agdestein,S: 'Inf 48/447' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 f6** 1.00/19

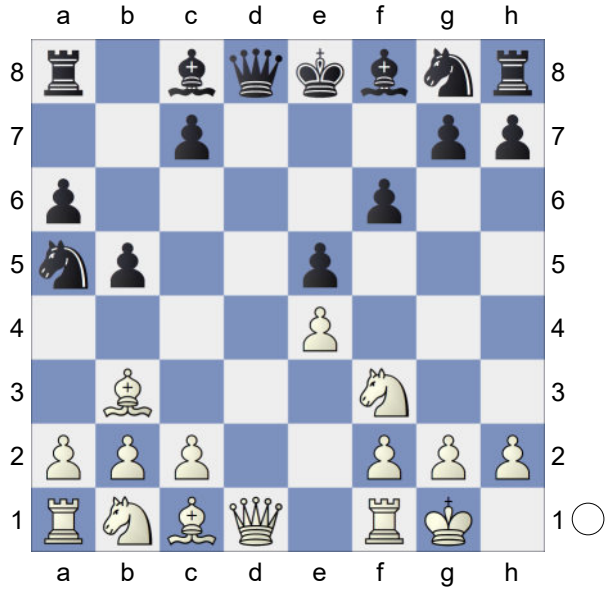
[7...exd4= 0.30/19 keeps the balance. 8.Nxd4 *(8.Qxd4 Ne7=)* 8...Bd7]

8.dxe5N 0.47/19

[White should try 8.Bxg8± 1.00/19 Threatens to win with Bd2!. Rxg8 9.Nfd2 *(9.Ne1 Qd7 10.f4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Bb7 12.Nc3 f5 13.a4 fxe4 14.axb5 axb5 15.Nxe4 Qf5 16.Ng3 Qd5 17.Nf3 Kd7 18.Qf2 Nc6 19.Rxa8 Bxa8 20.Ng5 h6 21.N5e4 Be7 22.Qe2 Nd4 23.Qd1 h5* 0-1 (38) Arnason,J (2520)-Agdestein, S (2605) (zt) 48/447 Espoo 1989*; 9.b4 Nc4 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Qxd2 Bb7 12.Re1 a5 13.bxa5 c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Qe2 Qxa5 16.Nxe5 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Bd6 18.Bb2 Rge8 19.e5 fxe5 20.Nxe5 Kb8 21.Rab1 Ka8 22.a3 Re7 23.Rbd1 Bxe5* (27) Ruy Lopez Various-N,N Survey

1997)]
[8.Be3 Bb7 9.Be6 Bxe4 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.b4 Nc6 12.c3 Be7 13.Qb3 Kf8 14.Rad1 Qe8 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Ne4 Nd8 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.f4 Nxe6 19.Qxe6 Nh6 20.Nc5 Bc8 21.Nd7+ Bxd7 22.fxe5+ Nf7 1-0 (23) Volchok,A (2615)-Bern,I (2585) CCOL12 prel1-01 1992]
[8.Nc3 Nxb3 9.axb3 Bb7 10.Nh4 Qd7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Nf3 exd4 13.Qxd4 f5 14.Be3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Ne7 16.Bf2 c5 17.Qd3 Nd5 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Rae1 h6 20.Nh4 Qd7 21.f5 Rg8 22.Bg3 Qc6 1-0 (45) 9.♘d2 a5/ 14.♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2655)-Aigner,J (2445) op Lone Pine 1981]

8...dxe5 1.88/22
[Black should try 8...Nxb3± 0.47/19 9.axb3 dxe5]



9.Bf7+!+- Deflection **9...Ke7** Hoping for ...Qxd1. **10.Qe1** -0.58/20
[10.Bd5+- 1.97/21 Bb7 *(10...c6 11.Bb3=)* 11.Qe2]

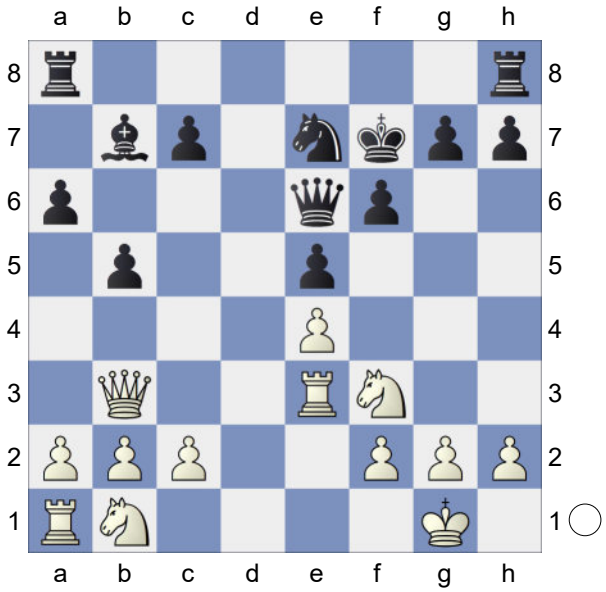
10...Kxf7∓ 11.Qxa5 Bb7 -0.27/22
[11...Be6!∓ -0.67/20]

12.Re1= Bc5 0.22/21
[12...Qd7∓ -0.41/22]

13.Be3
[13.Qc3 feels hotter. Qd6 14.Be3 Bb6 15.a4]

13...Bxe3 14.Rxe3 Ne7 15.Qa3 Qd6 0.72/21
[15...Qd1+= 0.00/22 16.Re1 Qxc2]

16.Qb3+± Qe6? 6.74/24
[16...Ke8± 0.70/20]



17.Ng5+! fxg5 18.Rf3+ Nf5 19.Rxf5+
[19.exf5 Qxb3 20.Rxb3 Rhd8∓]

19...Ke7 20.Qg3
[20.Rxg5 Qxb3 21.cxb3 *(21.axb3 Kf6±)* 21...Kf6 22.Rf5+ Ke6±]

20...Rad8 21.Nc3 Repels Rd1+
[21.Qxg5+ Qf6 22.Rxe5+ Kd6=]

21...Kd7 22.Rxe5 Qc4 23.Rxg5 g6 24.b3 Qf7 25.Rc5 Kc8 26.a4 b4 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.exd5
[28.Rxd5 Rxd5 29.exd5 Qxd5 30.Qg4+ Qf5 31.Qxb4 Qxc2 32.Qg4+ Kb8±]

28...Rxd5 29.Rc4 Rhd8 (-> ...Rd1+)

30.h3↑ White is really pushing.
[30.Rxb4? Rd1+ 31.Rxd1 Rxd1#]

30...a5 2.89/22
[⌓30...Rd4 1.75/22]

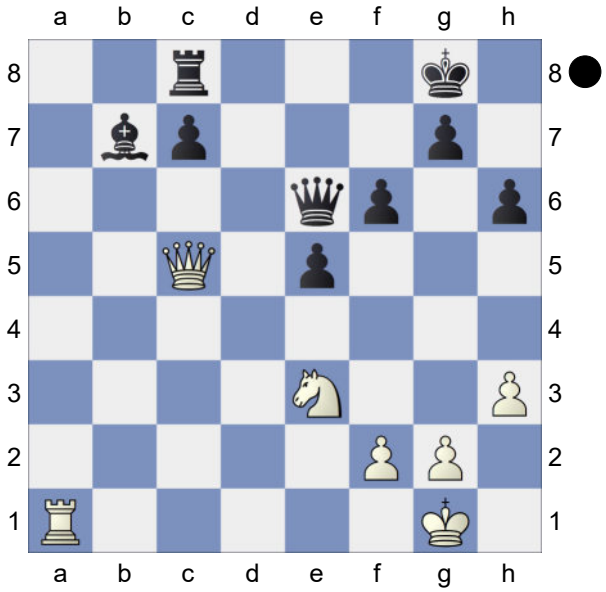
31.Re1+- R8d7 32.Kh2 h5? 4.49/22
[32...Re7 2.44/22 33.Rxe7 Qxe7]
33.Rf4 Rf5 34.Rxf5 Qxf5 35.Re5 Dodges Rd5 **35...Qxc2 36.Rxa5?** 3.36/23
[36.Qf3 16.03/26 c6 37.Rxa5]
36...Rd3? 5.94/23
[36...Qd3 3.36/23 keeps fighting. 37.Qg5 Qd6+ 38.f4 Rf7]
37.Qg5? -0.01/21
[37.Qxg6? Rxh3+ *(37...Qxb3 38.Ra8+ Kd7 39.Qe8+ Kd6 40.Rd8+ Kc5 41.Qb5#)* 38.Kxh3 Qxg6-+]
[37.Qf4+- 5.94/23 Qc6 *(37...Rxb3 38.Qf8+ Kd7 39.Qf7+ Kd6 40.Qf6+ Kd7 41.Rd5+ Kc8 42.Qa6+ Kb8 43.Rd8#)* 38.Rb5 *(38.Qxb4 Rd5+-)*]
37...Qxf2= 38.Qxg6? -#3/8
[38.Re5= -0.01/24 Qb6 39.Re8+ Kb7 40.Qe5]
Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.99/ Black=0.85
38...Qf4+
0-1

C70

□ **De Boer,Eelke** **2428**
■ **Bologan,Victor** **2603**
Titled Tue 21. Jan Early (11) 21.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Nxb3 8.axb3 Ne7
[8...Bb7 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bf4 Ne7 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Qe3 Bb4 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 d6 15.Nh4 Qd7 16.Nf5 0-0-0 17.Rd2 Kb8 18.Rhd1 Qf7 19.f3 Rhe8 20.Bxd6 cxd6 21.Nxd6 Qe6 22.Nxe8 Rxd2 23.Qxd2 0-1 (54) Gelfand,B (2714)-Vallejo Pons,F (2666) ARM-ROW m Moscow 2004 (3)]
[8...d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5 20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Qe4+ 23.Kf1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2)]
9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Qd3 Bb7N White has an edge.
[10...Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.e5 h6 14.Bf4 Qe7 15.Rad1 Re8 16.Rfe1 Qe6 17.h3 Qg6 18.Qd2 Nd8 19.Nh4 Qh7 20.Bg3 Ne6 21.f4 g6 22.Rf1 Nf8 23.Nf3 Bb7 24.Nh2 h5 25.Bh4 ½-½ (114) Guszmer-Franke,J IM Kostrena CRO 2002 (1) Re6 26.Qf2 Rae8 27.Nf3 Bxf3 28.Qxf3 d6 29.exd6 cxd6 30.Bf2 f5 31.Qc6 Qd7 32.Qd5 Kh7 33.c4 bxc4 34.Qxc4 Qb7 35.Qd5 Qb8 36.Rde1 Qb4 37.Rxe6 Rxe6 38.Bd4 Qb5 39.Qxb5 axb5 40.Ra1 ½-½ (114) Keller,D-Johannessen,S Olympiad-18 Preliminaries E 1968 (1)]
11.Bg5 f6 12.Bf4 Bb4 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 d6 15.c4 Ne5 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Qe2 and Rfd1 should not be overlooked **17...Qd7 18.Ra5 0-0 19.Rd1 Qc6 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Qxb5** -2.23/24
[21.Rxa8!= -0.01/21 and White is okay. Rxa8 22.Ne1]
21...Rxa5 -1.03/20
[21...Qxe4 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Ne1=]
[21...Qxc2-+ -2.23/24 22.Re1 Bxe4 23.Rxa8 Rxa8 *(23...Bxa8 24.h3∓)*]
22.Qxa5∓ Qxc2

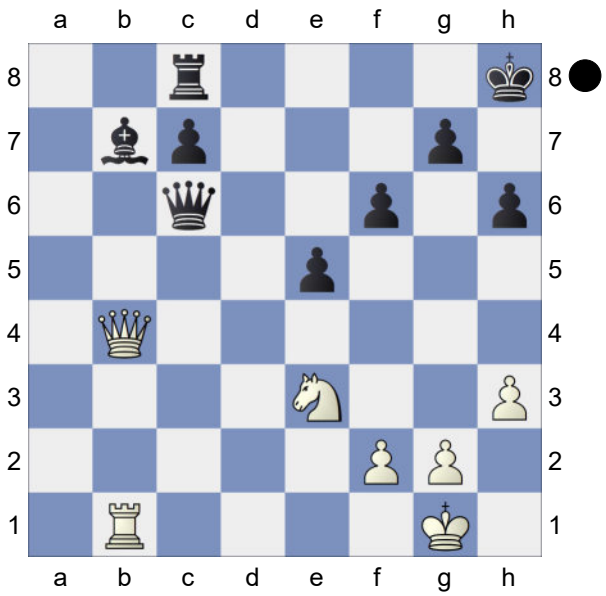
[22...Qxe4 23.Qxc7 Bd5 24.h3±]
23.Re1 -2.44/22
[23.Qd2∓ -0.90/20 Bxe4 24.Rc1 Qxb3 25.Rxc7]
23...Bxe4-+ 24.Nd2 Bb7 -1.01/20
[24...Ra8!-+ -2.65/23 25.Qb4 Bd5]
25.Nf1 Rc8 Black is more active.
26.Ne3 Qxb3 27.Qc5 Qe6 Repels Nf5
28.Ra1 -1.72/19
[28.Rc1∓ -1.21/21 is a better defense.]
28...h6 29.h3



Qc6 -0.89/21
[⌓29...Be4! -1.59/21 30.Ra4 Qc6]
30.Qb4∓ Kh8 31.Rb1 -1.32/20
[⌓31.Rd1 -0.90/23]

(Diagram)

31...Ba8 -0.82/20
[⌓31...Ba6! -1.32/20 32.Qd2 Qe8]
32.Ra1 Qe8 -0.77/20
[Black should play 32...Rd8 -1.17/21 ...f5! would now be deadly. 33.Ra7 Rc8]
33.Qd2? -2.39/20
[33.Qc4∓ -0.77/20]



33...c5 34.Qc2 -2.64/19
[34.Qd3∓ -1.52/18]
34...c4-+ 35.Ra4? -5.34/22
[35.Ra3 -2.10/19 nothing else works.]
35...c3 36.Ra3 Qc6 37.f3? -8.56/26
[37.Rb3 -3.30/25]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.34
37...Qc5
0-1

C70
□ **Belov,Alexe** **2421**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2569**
Titled Tue 29. Aug Early (6) 29.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4
[7.Qxd4 Bb7 *(7...Nxb3 8.axb3 d6 9.b4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.c3 Qd7 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 h6 19.Bg3 g5*

20.Kf1 g4 21.Ng1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 0-1 (31) Hidegh,G (1708)-9.♗g2 00 (2185) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2004 (2) *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qd3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004]

7...Bb7 8.Bd5N -0.94/22
[8.a4± 0.31/20 stays ahead.]
[8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Nc3 0-0 C 70/04 1997]

8...c6∓ 9.Bb3 Black is slightly better.

9...c5 Discovered Attack **10.Nf5 c4**
[10...Bxe4? 11.Qe2 d5 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.Nxe4 Qa5+ 14.Nc3+ Kd7 15.cxb3+- *(15.axb3 Qxa1 16.0-0 Qa5+-)*]

11.Nc3 g6 -0.31/20
[11...cxb3∓ -0.93/21 12.axb3 b4]

12.Nd6+∓
[12.Qd4 Qf6 13.Nd5 Qxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd5 *(14...cxb3 15.Nc7+ Ke7 16.Nxa8=)* 15.exd5 Bg7∓ *(15...cxb3 16.axb3 Nf6 17.c3∓)*]

12...Bxd6 13.Qxd6 f6 Inhibits Qe5+.

14.Be3 Qb8 0.01/25
[14...cxb3∓ -0.64/21 15.axb3 Bc6]

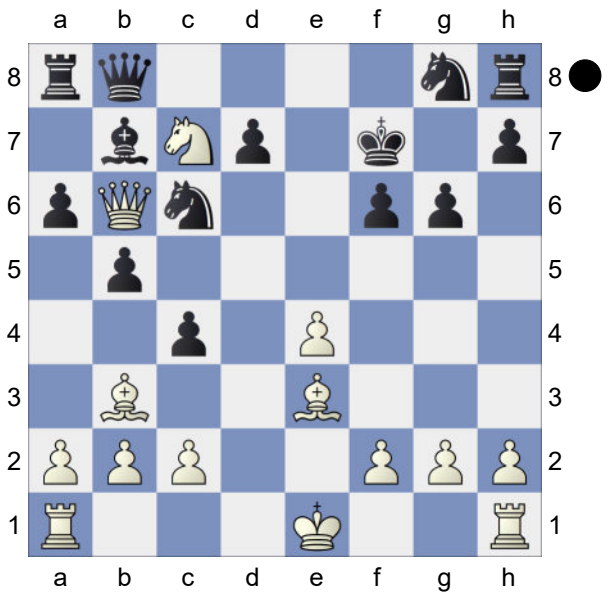
15.Qb6⇄ White puts up resistance

15...Nc6 16.Nd5
[16.Bxc4!? bxc4 17.Nd5=]

16...Kf7 0.19/22
[16...cxb3∓ -0.32/24 17.Nc7+ *(17.axb3 Kf7=)* 17...Kf7 18.axb3 Nge7]

17.Nc7 -0.38/24
[17.Bf4 Qa7 18.Bxc4 bxc4∓]
[17.Bxc4= 0.19/22 bxc4 18.0-0-0]

(Diagram)



17...Nge7 0.16/24
[Black should try 17...cxb3!∓ -0.38/24 18.axb3 Nge7]

18.0-0-0 -0.33/24
[Of course not 18.Nxa8 Bxa8 19.Bxc4+ *(19.Qxb8 Nxb8 20.a4 cxb3∓)* 19...bxc4∓]
[18.Bxc4+= 0.16/24 is superior. bxc4 19.0-0-0]

18...cxb3 19.axb3 Rd8 ...Nc8 is the strong threat. White does not recover from this. **20.h4?** -4.40/24
[20.Bf4!= -0.01/22 and White has nothing to worry.]

20...Nc8-+ Deflection **21.Qc5** Strongly threatening h5!. **21...Qxc7**

22.h5 Intending hxg6+ and mate. **22...g5**

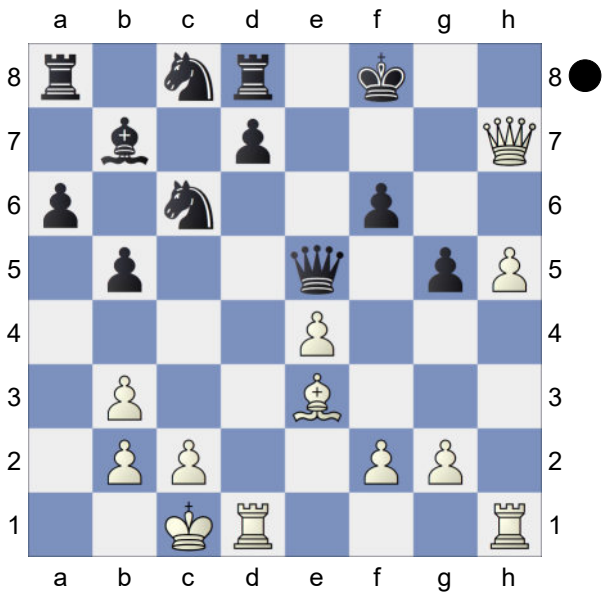
23.Qd5+ Kf8 24.Qf5 Qe5 25.Qxh7

(Diagram)

Qe7! Repels h6 **26.Qh8+ Kf7 27.Qh7+ Ke8 28.h6?** -12.61/20
[28.Qg8+ -3.90/18 Qf8 29.Qd5]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.21 (precise)

28...Qxh7

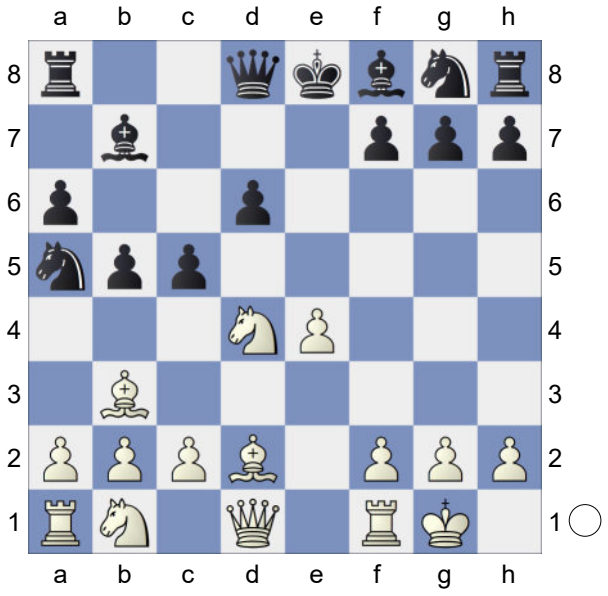
0-1



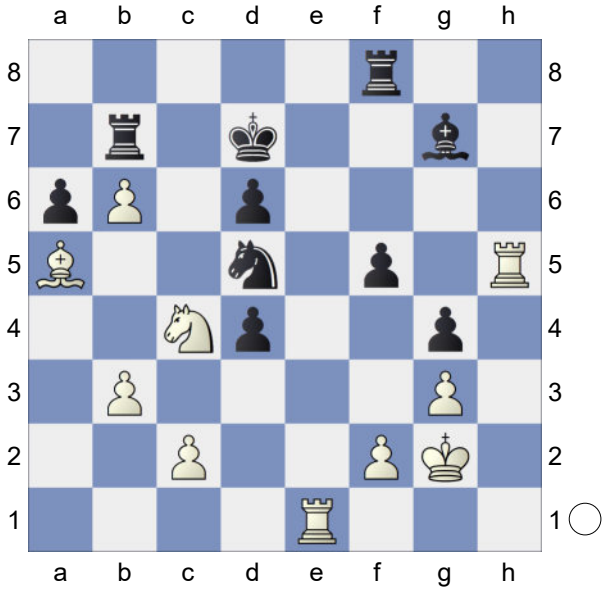
C70

□ **Bergamini,Lorenzo** **2389**
■ **Campoy Moreno,Alfonso** **2313**
EM/CL/Q07-3 ICCF Email 15.06.2002
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 c5



10.Bd5! Bxd5 11.exd5 cxd4 White is better. **12.Qe1+ Qe7 13.Bxa5 Qxe1 14.Rxe1+ Kd7N**
[14...Ne7 15.c4 *(15.a4 Kd7 16.Rd1 Nxd5 17.Rxd4 Ne7 18.Bc3 Nc6 19.Rf4* C 70/04 1997 *)* 15...dxc3 16.Nxc3 Kd7 17.a4 bxa4 18.Nxa4 Nxd5 19.Red1 Beres,T-Habeeb,K Primavara Bucharest 1998]
15.a4 0.14/24 White is more active.
[White should play 15.Rd1!± 0.79/23]
15...Be7= 16.Na3 Bf6! 17.axb5 Ne7 18.Nc4 Nxd5 19.b6 Rab8 20.Kf1 Rb7 21.Ra4 Rc8 22.b3 g5 23.g3 g4 24.Kg2 h5 25.h3 Bg7 1.25/25
[25...gxh3+± 0.49/24 26.Kxh3 Rc5]
26.hxg4± hxg4 27.Rh1 Ke6 28.Raa1 f5 2.54/27
[28...Rh8± 1.32/26]
29.Rae1+!+- Kd7 30.Rh5 Rf8



31.Rg5! Rf7 32.Rg6 Bf6 33.Rh6 Re7 34.Rxe7+ Bxe7 35.Rh8 1.22/26 Against Rb8
[35.Kf1+- 1.96/28]
35...Bf6 2.30/27
[35...f4± 1.22/26 36.gxf4 d3]
36.Ra8 Be5 37.Rxa6 Bd2 would now be deadly. **37...Rb8** 3.15/28

[37...f4 1.67/25 might work better. 38.gxf4 Nxf4+ 39.Kg1 *(39.Kg3 d3±)* 39...Nh3+ 40.Kf1 Kc6]

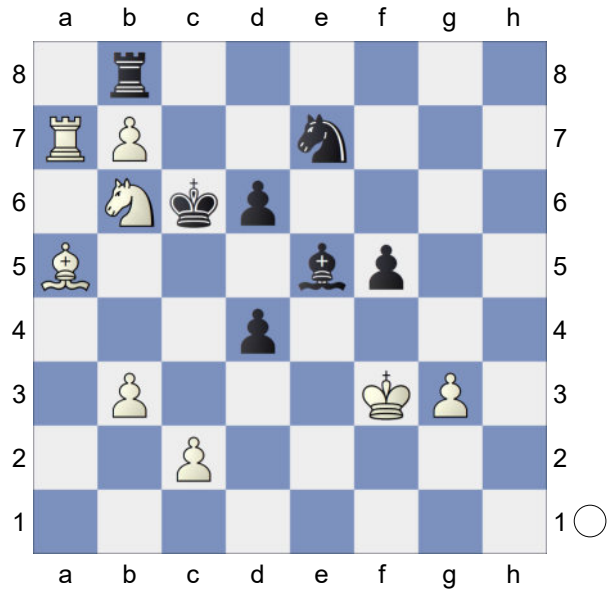
38.Ra7+ Ke6 3.44/25

[⌓38...Kc6 2.24/27 39.Rf7 Bf6]

39.f4 gxf3+ 40.Kxf3 Ne7 4.64/27

[⌓40...Bf6 2.96/23 41.Ra6 Be5]

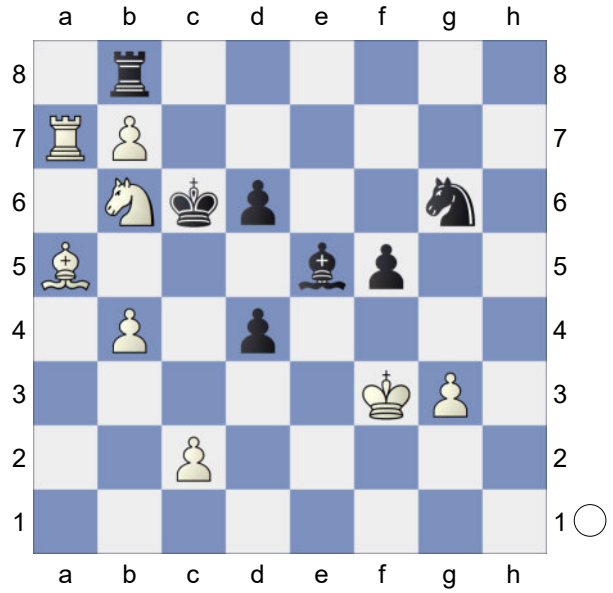
41.b7 Kd7 Against Bc7 **42.Nb6+ Kc6**



43.b4!

[Worse is 43.Nc4 Rxb7 44.Ra6+ *(44.Rxb7 Kxb7 45.Bb4 Nc8=)* 44...Kd7=]

43...Ng6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.32

44.b5+! Deflection

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C70

□ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito 2385**

■ **Elier,Ali 2140**

Titled Tue 21. Jan Early (4) 21.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Re1N -0.01/19

[9.Bd2± 0.50/21

A) 9...Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Rb8 11.Nc3 *(11.Na5 Ba8 12.c4 Nf6 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qe2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rfe1 Qd7 19.Bg5 Be6 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qe4 Rb5 22.Nc6+ Kf8 23.Rad1 h5 24.f4 Bf5 25.Qc4 Rc5* 0-1 (71) Buckley, G (2345)-Peter,G (2235) Kingston 2nd 2023 (4) *)* 11...Nf6 12.Re1 Be7 13.a4 0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qf3 Re8 16.Nd4 b4 17.Nd5 c5 18.Nf5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Bf4 Ra8 22.Rd1 Qd7 23.Qg4 Kh8 24.h3 0-1 (55) Schneider,I (2525)-Bethke,R (2381) GER-ch blitz 2022 (10);

B) 9...c5 10.Nf5]

[9.c4 c5 10.Nf5 *(10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Be7 15.a3* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 2006 *)* 10...g6 11.Ng3 h5 12.Nc3 h4 13.Nge2 h3 14.g3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 b4 16.Nd5

Bxd5 17.exd5 Bg7 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 Nf6 20.Nf4 Nd7 21.Bd2 Rb8 22.Qe3+ Ne5 23.b3 0-0
1-0 (56) Karjakin,S (2723)-Mamedyarov,S (2719) World Blitz Moscow RUS 2009 (28)]
[9.a4 c5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Nf5 g6 12.Nh6 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 Qd7 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8+ Bxa8 16.Re1 Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Ng4 18.Bg7 Rg8 19.Bc3 b4 20.h3 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.c3
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9...c5= 10.Nf5 Bd5 would now be deadly.
[10.e5!? cxd4 11.exd6+ Kd7 12.Qg4+ *(12.Bxf7 Bxd6∓; 12.Qxd4 Nxb3 13.Qg4+ Kxd6±)* 12...Kc6 13.Qxd4 *(13.Bxf7 Bxd6 14.Bd2 Qc7∓)* 13...Bxd6 *(13...Nxb3 14.Qe4+ Kb6 15.Be3+ Nc5 16.Bxc5+* Remove Defender, Deflection *Kxc5 17.Qxb7±)* 14.Qc3+ *(14.Bxf7? Bxh2+* Discovered Attack *15.Kxh2 Qxd4-+)* 14...Bc5 15.Be3= *(15.Bxf7 Qd4=)*]

10...g6? 1.64/22
[10...c4= -0.01/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

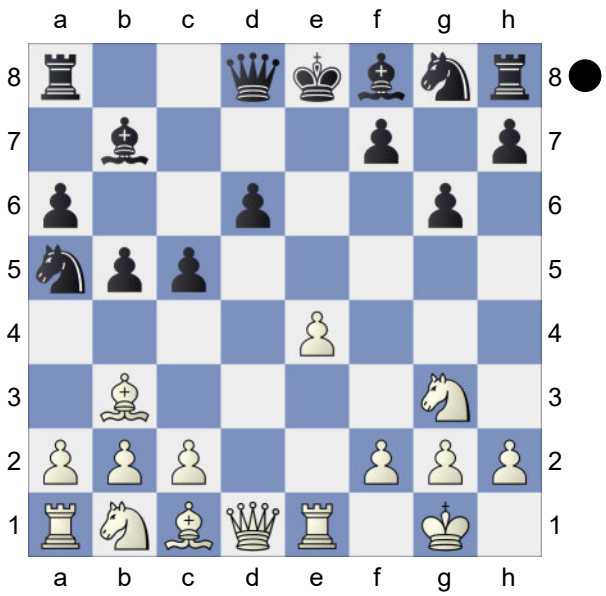
11.Ng3? -1.48/22
[11.Bd5+- 1.64/22]

(Diagram)

11...c4!∓ 12.Nc3 cxb3 13.axb3 Bg7 -1.15/21
[13...Nc6-+ -1.74/22 14.Nd5 Bg7]

14.Nd5 -1.58/20
[White should play 14.e5 -1.15/21 d5 *(14...Bxe5 15.Rxa5 Ne7 16.Ra1=; 14...dxe5 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.Rxa5=)* 15.e6 fxe6 16.Qg4]

14...Nc6 15.Be3 Rc8



[Much less strong is 15...Bxb2 16.Ra2 *(16.Bb6 Qc8∓)* 16...Bg7 17.Bb6∓]

16.Nb6 -2.00/21
[16.Bb6∓ -1.50/19 Qd7 17.Be3]

16...Rb8-+ 17.Nd5 -2.67/20
[17.e5 -1.81/20 was worth a try. dxe5 *(17...Bxe5 18.f4∓)* 18.Ne4]

17...Nge7 18.Bb6 -2.94/20
[⌓18.Bg5 -2.09/19]

18...Qd7 19.Nc7+ Kf8 20.Nxa6? -4.77/21
[20.Nd5 -2.75/19]

20...Bxa6 Black is clearly winning.

21.Rxa6 Qb7 22.Qa1 Nb4

(Diagram)

Deflection, Double Attack **23.Ra7 Qxb6 24.Re2 Nec6 25.Rd7 Nd4 26.Rd2 Bh6 27.Rd1 Ndxc2 28.Qb1 Bf4 29.Ne2 Be5 30.Rd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.20 (precise)

30...Ke8

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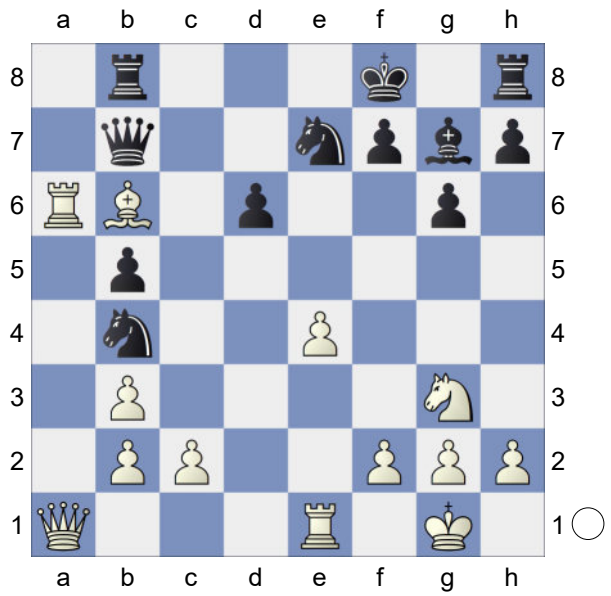

C70

□ **Batsanin,Dmitry** **2370**
■ **Yakovich,Yuri** **2570**
RUS-Cup08 Omsk/Perm (8) 05.1998
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
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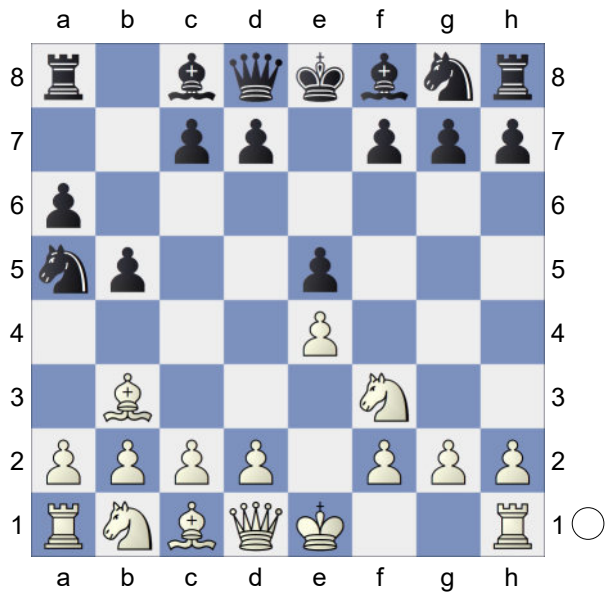
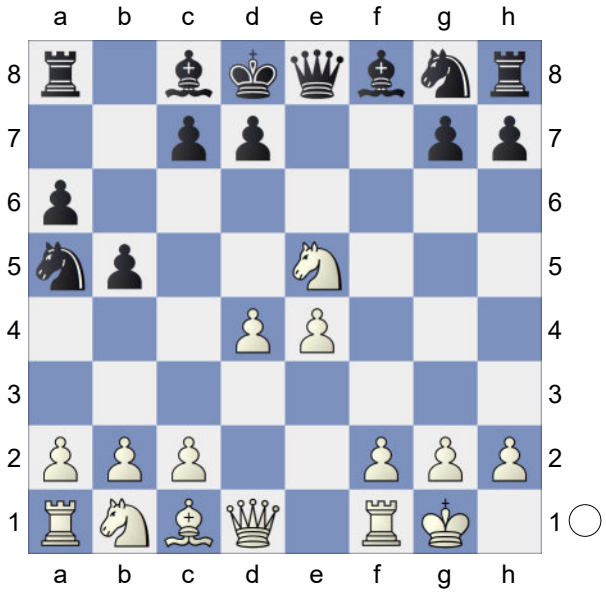


6.Bxf7+ -0.01/19 **Kxf7= 7.Nxe5+ Ke7!**

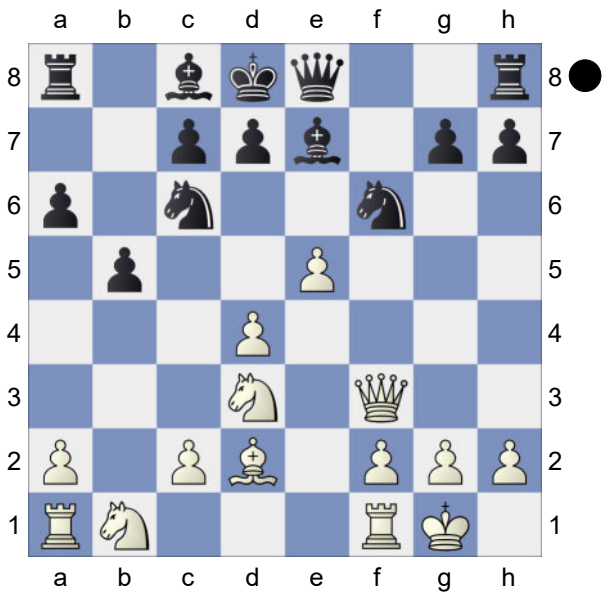
8.d4 Qe8 The position is equal. **9.0-0 Kd8**



10.b4 -1.24/20 **Bxb4** -0.87/20
[⌓10...Nc6 -1.24/20 11.Bg5+ Nge7 12.Nxc6+ dxc6]
11.Qf3 -2.15/20
[11.Nd3∓ -0.87/20 Be7 12.Nc3]
11...Nf6-+ 12.Nd3 Be7 13.Bd2 Nc6 -0.19/19
[Better is 13...b4!∓ -1.41/20 and ...Rf8 should not be overlooked 14.a3 Rf8 15.axb4 d5 16.exd5 *(16.Rxa5? dxe4 17.Qg3 exd3∓)* 16...Bg4]
14.e5=

(Diagram)

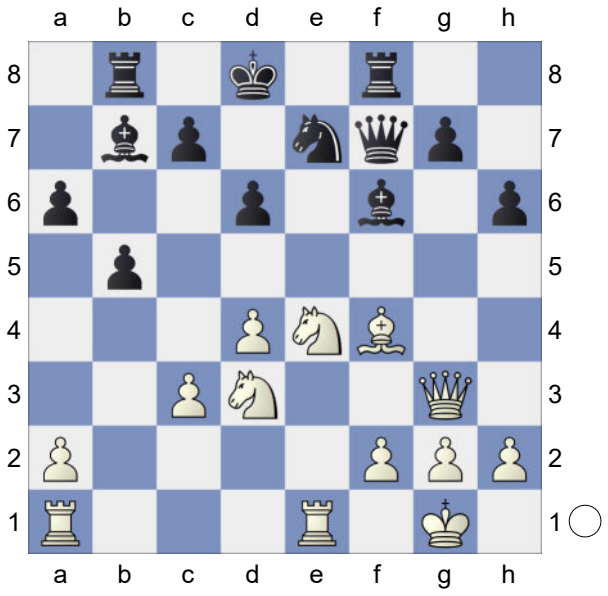
Rf8N -0.01/19
[14...Qf8 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qxf6 Bxf6 17.c3 d6 C 70/04 1997]
15.exf6 Bxf6 0.50/22
[15...Rxf6= -0.01/22 16.Qe3 Re6]
16.Re1 -0.01/20
[16.Nc3± 0.50/22]
16...Qf7 17.c3 Rb8 18.Bf4 Against d6
18...Bb7 0.80/22
[18...g5= 0.03/19 keeps the balance.



19.Bg3 Bb7]

19.Qg3!± d6 20.Nd2 Ne7 21.Ne4! h6 1.61/20

[21...Bxe4± 1.10/20 22.Rxe4 Nd5]



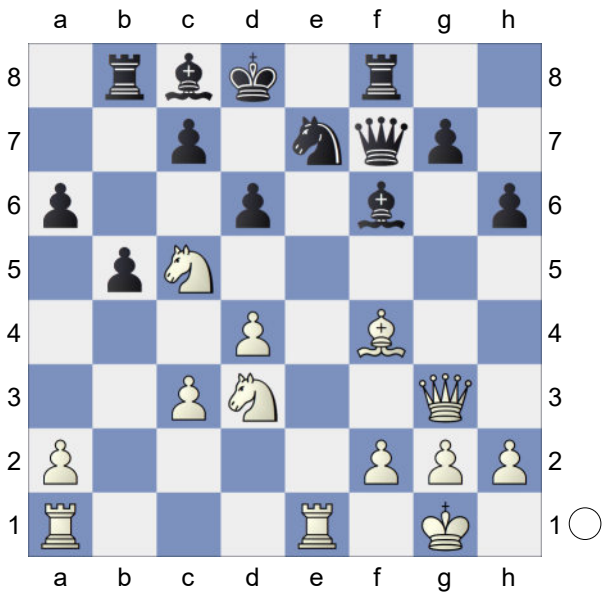
22.Nec5!+- Bc8

[22...Nf5 23.Nxb7+]

(Diagram)

23.Nb4? -0.55/21 **Rb6!∓**

[23...dxc5? 24.Bxc7+ Ke8



25.dxc5+-]

24.Nb3 g5 25.Be3 Bb7 -0.26/22

[25...Nd5!∓ -0.70/21]

26.Na5 and d5! should not be overlooked **26...Ba8** This pair of bishops is nice. **27.d5?** -4.34/24 **Bxc3-+** Black is clearly winning. **28.Bxb6 Bxb4 29.Re6** -8.00/21

[⌓29.Re4 -4.25/21 cxb6 30.Rxb4]

29...Nxd5

[29...cxb6? 30.Rxd6+ Ke8 *(30...Bxd6? 31.Qxd6+ Kc8 32.Rc1+∓)* 31.Rxb6 Qxd5 *(31...Bxa5 32.Qb8+; 31...Bxd5?* perishes. *32.Rb8+ Kd7 33.Rxf8+-)* 32.Rxa6-+]

30.Rxd6+ Bxd6 31.Qxd6+ Kc8 32.Rc1 Rd8

[Less strong is 32...Kb8 33.Bxc7+ Nxc7 34.Qb6+ Kc8 35.g3∓]

33.Qxh6 Nxb6 Discovered Attack

34.Qxg5 Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/ Black=0.18 (very precise)

34...Rg8 Skewer

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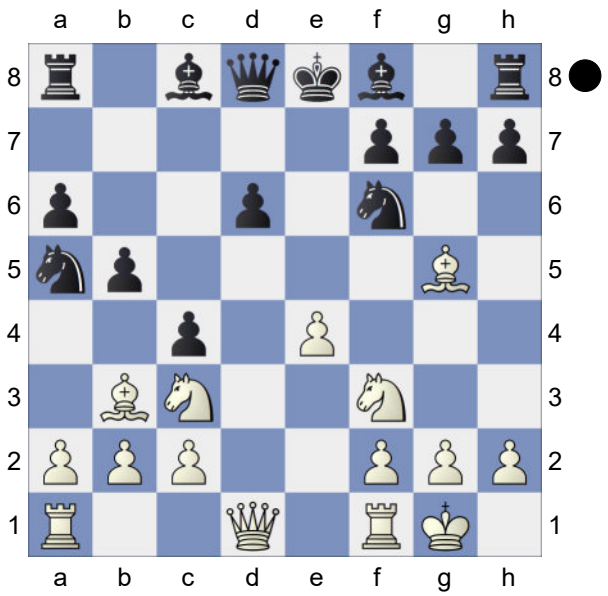
C70

□ **Fedotov,Nikita2** **2311**
■ **Narva,M** **2384**
Titled Tue 4. Feb Early (10) 04.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

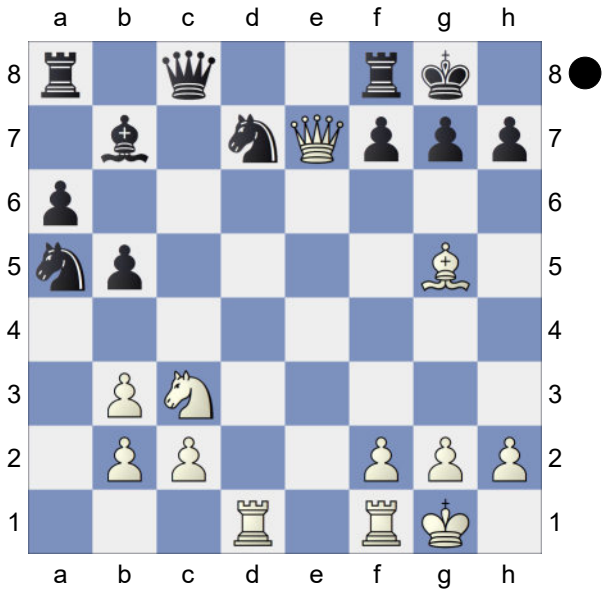
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nc3 Bxf7+! would now be deadly.
[6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Nf6 11.Na5 Rb8 12.Nxb7 Rxb7 13.Qf3 Qc8 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Nd5 c6 16.Ne3 Qe6 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Rfe1 Re8 19.Bc3 b4 20.Bd4 Bf8 ½-½ (24) Nayhebaver,M (2536)-Nagy,G (2461) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10)]
6...d6 7.0-0 0.27/24
[Better is 7.d4± 0.72/22]
7...Nf6N
[7...Nxb3 8.axb3 Bb7 9.d4 f6 10.Nh4 Ne7 11.d5 Qd7 12.f4 b4 13.Na4 exf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.c4 bxc3 16.Nxc3 Schwartz,Y (2286)-Lapshun, Y (2409) 83/(321) New York 2001]
8.d4 White has an edge. **8...exd4** And now ...Nxb3 would win. **9.Nxd4** -0.72/22
[9.Nd5= 0.19/22 keeps the balance.]
9...c5∓ 10.Nf3 -1.76/20
[10.Nf5∓ -0.83/21]
10...c4-+ 11.Bg5 -2.35/19
[11.Bd2∓ -1.58/18]

(Diagram)

11...Be7!
[Don't take 11...cxb3 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 *(12...gxf6 13.cxb3 Bb7 14.Nd4=)* 13.axb3]



12.Qe1 cxb3 13.axb3 0-0 14.e5 -3.63/21
[14.Rd1 -2.37/18 keeps fighting.]
14...dxe5 15.Nxe5 Bb7 16.Rd1 Qc8 17.Nd7 Nxd7 Discovered Attack
18.Qxe7



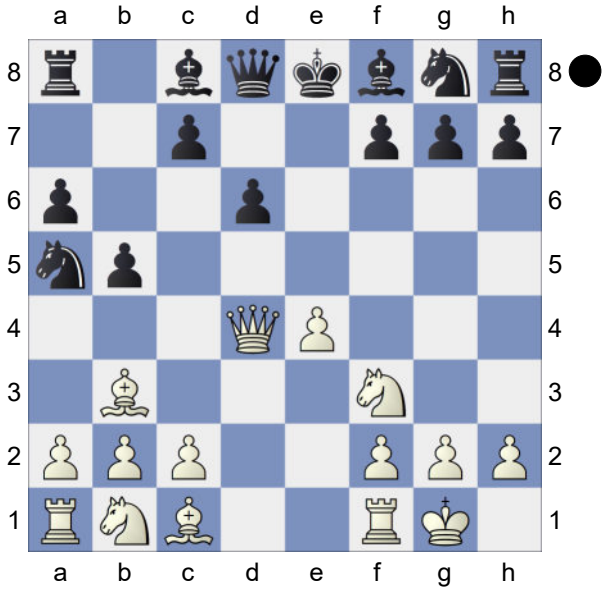
Qc6 19.f3 Nf6 -1.10/21
[19...Rae8-+ -3.45/22 20.Qxd7 Qc5+ 21.Qd4 Qxg5]
20.Rd6? -3.57/25
[20.Bxf6∓ -1.10/21 Qxf6 21.Qc7]
20...Rfe8 21.Rxc6 Rxe7 22.Rxf6 -5.86/24

[22.Rd6 -3.48/22]
22...gxf6 Black is clearly winning.
23.Bxf6 Re6 24.Bh4 White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.30
24...b4
0-1

C70

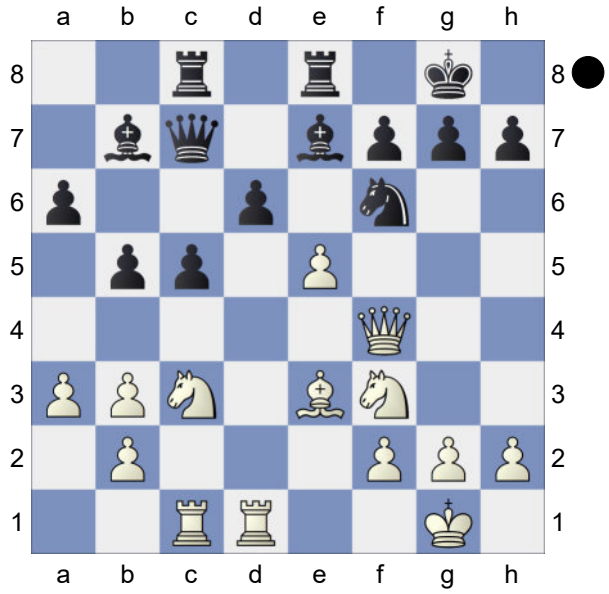
□ **Omariev,Maksim** **2304**
■ **Karamsetty,Jeevan** **2244**
Titled Tue 7. Jan Early (10) 07.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4



Bb7
[8...Ne7 9.Qd3 c5 10.c4 Be6 11.Nbd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.Rd1 Nc6 14.Nf1 Bg4 15.Bf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 cxd4 18.e5 Rc8 19.Re1 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Be7 21.Bxg7 Rg8 22.Bf6 Rc7 23.Ng3 1-0 (32) Dominguez Perez,L (2719)-Morozevich,A (2787) Wch Blitz 3th 2008 (6) Kf8 24.Be5 Rd7 25.Qh5 d3 26.Qh6+ Ke8 27.Qxh7 Rf8 28.Nh5 Qa5 29.Nf6+ Kd8 30.Nxd7 Kxd7 31.Qxd3+ Kc8 32.Qf5+ 1-0 Berg,E (2576)-Nithander,V (2438) Gothenburg Manhem 2012 (8)]
9.a3N -0.25/24
[9.e5 0.15/20]
[9.Bg5
A) 9...f6 10.Bd2 c5 11.Qc3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7 13.b4 *(13.Re1 Ng6 14.b4 Be7 15.Qe3 0-0 16.Nc3 Re8 17.Nd5 Bf8 18.c4 bxc4 19.Qc3 Rxe4 20.Rxe4 Bxd5 21.Re3 cxb4 22.Qxb4 Rb8 23.Qc3 Qb6 24.Bc1 Nf4 25.Ne1 Qc6 26.Qd4 Ne6 27.Qc3 Nc5* 0-1 (49) Locio,L-Parkov,V III 98/226 Wijk aan Zee 2006 *)* 13...Ng6 14.Qe3 Be7 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Nd5 Re8 17.Qb3 c4 18.Qe3 Bf8 19.Qd4 Ne5 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Nb6 Rc7 23.Nd5 Rf7 24.Nd4 ½-½ (47) Flum,G-De Carbonnel,H Germany ch-08 final 1962;
B) 9...Nf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 0-0-0 Kirov,D (2097)-Kulovana,E (2302) Slnchev Bryag 2008]
9...c5= Black has an edge. **10.Qe3 Nxb3 11.cxb3 Be7 12.Nc3 Nf6**
13.Rd1 -0.60/20
[13.e5= -0.23/21 Ng4 14.Qf4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Qxe5]
13...Qc7 -0.23/22
[13...0-0∓ -0.60/20 was preferable.]
14.Qf4 0-0 15.Be3 -0.58/21
[15.b4= -0.20/22]
15...Rac8∓ 16.Rac1 -0.93/21

[16.Nh4∓ -0.56/20]
16...Rfe8∓ 17.e5 -1.33/24
[⌓17.h3 -0.96/23]



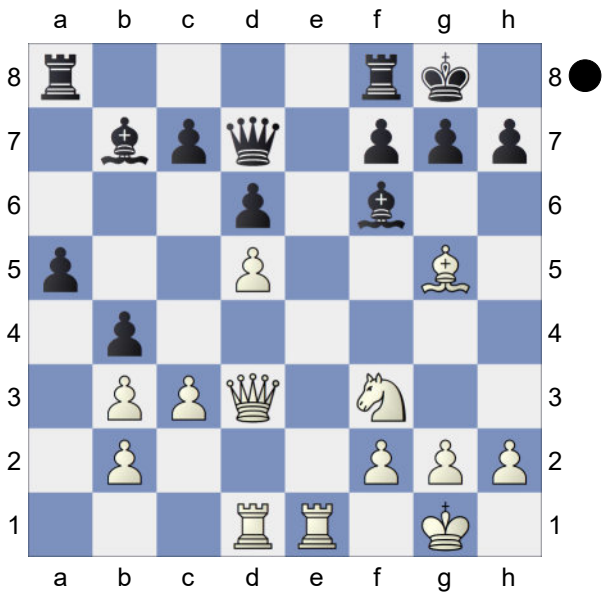
17...dxe5! 18.Qxe5 Qc6 19.Qg5? -3.26/18 Repels Ng4
[19.Qf5∓ -1.19/20]
19...Ne4? -0.80/21
[19...Qe6-+ -3.26/18 is more deadly. And now ...Nd5! would win. 20.b4 Nd5 Discovered Attack *(20...cxb4? 21.Nd4-+)* 21.Qxd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 cxb4]
20.Qg4 Nxc3 21.Rxc3 c4 -0.10/25
[21...Rcd8∓ -1.17/20 22.Rxd8 Rxd8]
22.bxc4= bxc4 Threatening ...Bf6.
23.Rdc1 -0.65/23
[23.Ne5= -0.06/24 Qb5 24.Bd4]
23...Red8 -0.01/23
[Black should play 23...Qb5!∓ -0.65/23]
24.h3
[24.Qxc4? Qxc4 25.Rxc4 Rxc4-+]
24...Qb5 25.b4? -1.75/24
[25.Nd4= -0.18/23 and White has nothing to worry. h5 *(25...Qxb2 26.R3c2=)* 26.Nxb5 *(26.Qxc8 Qd5±)* 26...hxg4 27.Na7]
25...Bd5? 0.06/22 This pair of bishops is nice.
[25...Bxf3-+ -1.75/24 26.Qxf3 Bf6]
26.Nd4→ White is up to no good.
26...Qb7 1.22/22
[26...Qd7!= 0.18/22 keeps the balance.]
27.Nf5± Bf6 2.06/24
[27...Bf8± 1.14/22]
28.Bd4 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 f6 Black is weak on the dark squares **30.Qg4**
[Don't take 30.Rg3 Rd7±]
30...Kh8? 4.69/25
[30...Rc7± 1.18/22 is a better chance.]
31.Ne3? 1.86/22
[31.Re1 4.69/25 Rc7 32.Rce3]
31...Bg8+- 32.Nxc4 Qe7 33.Ne3 Rxc3 34.Rxc3 aiming for Rc8. **34...Qe5 35.Rc5 Qa1+ 36.Kh2 g6** 5.40/24 Wards off Nf5
[36...Qb2 2.94/24 37.Qg3 *(37.Nf5 g6±)* 37...Qxa3]
37.Qf4 White is clearly winning. **37...Rf8 38.Rc6 a5 39.bxa5 Qxa3 40.a6** 8.94/23
[⌓40.Rxf6 18.97/26 Rf7 41.Rxf7 Bxf7 42.Qxf7 Qd6+ 43.g3]
40...Kg7 41.Qc7+ Rf7 42.Qb6 Qe7 43.Rc8 Qe5+ 44.Kg1 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.95
44...Rd7 Loss on time!?
0-1

C70

□ **Mickiewicz,Piotr** **2294**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2522**
Titled Tuesday 4. Jan (1) 04.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

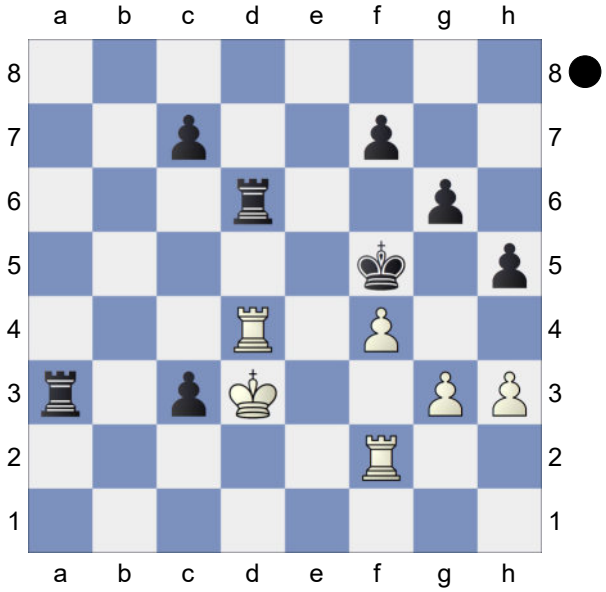
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Bb7 Repels Qd5 **8.0-0 d6 9.Qd3**
[9.c4 c5 10.Qd3 Nf6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.cxb5 0-0 13.Ba4 Qb6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 Rfb8 16.Bc2 axb5 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Rfe1 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rd8 22.f4 g6 23.fxe5 Bg7 1-0 (25) Shirov,A (2739)-Morozevich,A (2755) Moscow (m/2-blitz) 104/75 2007]
9...Nf6 The position is equal. **10.Nc3 Be7 11.Re1N**
[11.Nd5 0-0 12.Re1 c5 13.c4 Nxd5 14.exd5 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bf6 16.Rb1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bc8 18.Qf4 Rb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Ba3 Rg4 22.Rbc1 Qd7 23.Rc4 Rxc4 24.bxc4 Qa4 25.Qf4 Bc3 (35) Campelo,L (2258)-Rodriguez Vila,A (2567) Paulinia 91/(251) 2004 26.Qxf5 Bxe1 27.Qd3 Bb4 28.Bxb4 Qxb4 29.h4 h6 30.Kh2 Qb2 31.Nd2 Re8 32.f4 Qd4 33.Qxd4 cxd4 34.Kg3 Re3+ 35.Kf2 Ra3 0-1 Campbell,R (2064)-Mikhalevski,V (2524) Canadian op Calgary 2023 (3)]
11...0-0 12.Bf4 Nxb3 13.axb3 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5! 15.exd5 Bf6 16.c3 a5 17.Rad1 Qd7 0.63/23
[17...h6= -0.07/21]
18.Bg5!±

(Diagram)



Qd8 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Rd2 0.27/23
[20.h3± 0.73/22]
20...g6 21.Rde2 bxc3 22.bxc3 Ba6 1.43/25
[22...Qf5= 0.30/26 23.Qxf5 gxf5]
23.c4± Rab8 2.19/24
[23...Bc8± 1.01/24]
24.Nd4 Qc3 is the strong threat. **24...a4**
25.bxa4 0.63/20
[25.Ra2+- 1.66/22]
25...Rb4± 26.Rc2 Rxa4? 4.94/23
[26...Ra8± 0.73/21 is a better chance.]
27.Nc6? -0.32/23
[27.Qb3+- 4.94/23]
27...Kg7 28.g3 -0.55/24
[28.h3= -0.16/21 feels stronger.]
28...Bb7 29.Rb1 -0.93/24
[29.Nd4= -0.21/21]
29...Bxc6 30.dxc6 Ra6 -0.34/24
[30...Re8∓ -0.74/23]
31.Rb7 -1.14/26
[31.c5∓ -0.34/24 Rxc6 32.cxd6 Rxc2 *(32...Qxd6 33.Qxd6 Rxd6 34.Rxc7=; 32...Rxd6 33.Qc3∓)* 33.Qxc2 Qxd6 *(33...cxd6 34.Qe4∓)* 34.Qc3+ Kg8 35.Rc1]
31...Rxc6∓ 32.c5? -3.45/26 **dxc5-+**

[32...Rxc5 33.Rxc5 dxc5 34.Rxc7=]
33.Qd5 -5.01/23
[33.Qe3 -3.08/23 Qe6 34.Rb5]
33...Rd8 34.Qe4 -7.97/24
[⌓34.Qc4 -4.72/23 Rd4 35.Qc3]
34...Rd4 35.Qe3 Re6 36.Qc3 Rc6 0.01/21
[Black should try 36...Rd1+-+ -4.08/23 37.Kg2 Qxc3 38.Rxc3 Rc6]
37.Kg2? -4.43/25
[37.Qe3!= 0.01/21 and White is okay. c4 38.Kg2]
37...c4 Threatens to win with ...Rb6.
38.Qf3 Qxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is two pawns up. **39...Rd3+ 40.Ke2 Ra3 41.Rb4 c3 42.Kd3 Rd6+ 43.Rd4** -5.30/25
[⌓43.Ke2 -3.42/24 Re6+ 44.Kd3]
43...Kf6 Black is clearly winning. **44.f4** -6.85/25
[44.Rxd6+ cxd6 45.Kc4 Ra5 46.Rxc3 Rc5+ 47.Kd4 Re5∓ *(47...Rxc3? 48.Kxc3 Ke5 49.f3-+)*]
[⌓44.Ke3 -4.80/25 Rxd4 45.Kxd4]
44...Kf5 45.h3 h5 46.Rf2



What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.64

46...c2+!
0-1

C70

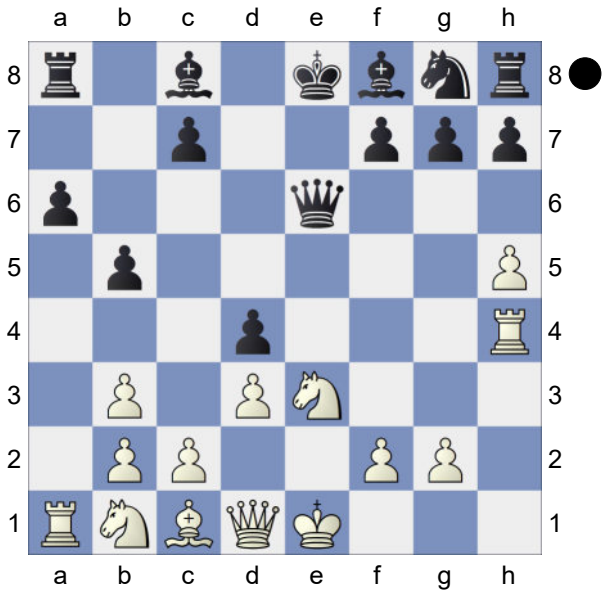
□ **Meneses Gonzalez,Kevin Moises**
■ **Nesterov,Arseniy** **2491**
Titled Tuesday 4. May (3) 04.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Strongly threatening Nxf7!. **7...Qg5**
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]
8.Ng4 -0.30/21
[White should play 8.Nf3!± 0.32/21 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 10.Rg3 Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7)]
8...d5= 9.Ne3N -3.06/21
[9.f3= -0.01/21 dxe4 10.d3 Qg6 11.dxe4 Bxg4 12.fxg4 Qxe4+ C 70/04 1997]
[9.h3 h5 10.d4 Qg6 11.Ne3 dxe4 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Bd2 Rd8 14.Ne2 Ne7 15.Bb4 Nf5 16.Bxf8 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Kxf8 18.0-0 Qg5 19.Nf4 Kg8 20.c4 Rh6 21.Qe2 c6 22.Rf2 Qh4 23.Kh2 Qg5 0-1 (42) Huguet,B-

Roos,M FRA-ch39 Montpellier 1964 (9) 24.g3 h4 25.g4 Rhd6 26.c5 Rh6 27.Nh5 Bc8 28.Nf4 Kh8 29.Rg1 Rf8 30.Qd2 Rd8 31.Qa5 Kg8 32.Qc7 Rf8 33.Rgf1 Kh7 34.Ng2 Be6 35.Qf4 Qd5 36.g5 Rh5 37.g6+ Kxg6 38.Nxh4+ Kh7 0-1 (42) Jamain, F-Steyn,G 3/90 Krefeld 1967 (9)]

9...d4!-+ Black has a decisive advantage. **10.h4 Qg6 11.h5 Qxe4** Pin **12.d3 Qe6** Pin **13.Rh4**

[13.Qf3 Rb8 14.0-0 dxe3]



13...Bb7 Prevents Re4

[13...dxe3 14.Re4 exf2+ 15.Kxf2± *(15.Kf1 Nf6±)*]

14.Rxd4 Bc5↑ Black has strong initiative. **15.Rg4** -3.35/19

[15.Qg4∓ -1.59/20 was called for. Bxd4 16.Qxd4]

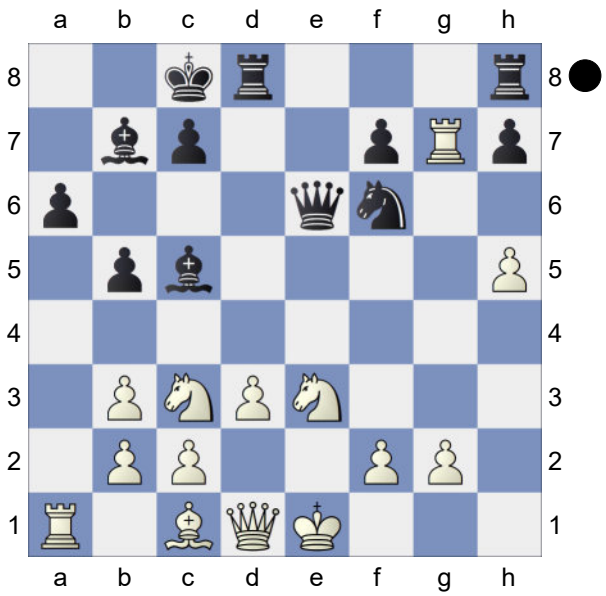
15...Nf6? -1.28/21

[15...Nh6-+ -3.35/19 has better winning chances. 16.Rg3 f5]

16.Rxg7∓ 0-0-0 17.Nc3

(Diagram)

Repels Rd5 **17...Rhg8?** -0.01/22



Black has more active pieces.

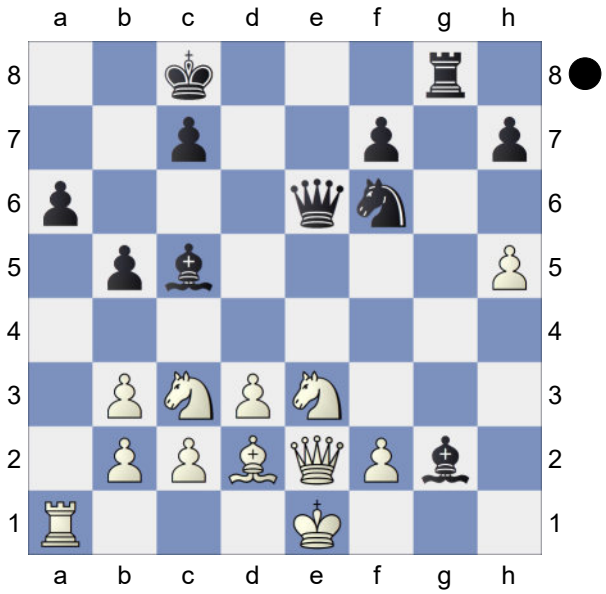
[Better is 17...Bf8!∓ -1.53/21 18.Rg3 Bd6]

18.Rxg8= Rxg8 19.Qe2 Bxg2 -0.01/23

[19...Rg5!∓ -0.41/23]

20.Bd2? -3.36/25

[20.Nxg2= -0.01/23 and White is okay. Rxg2 21.Qxe6+ fxe6 22.Rxa6 Rg1+ 23.Kd2]



20...Bf3!-+ 21.Qxf3 Rg1+ 22.Ke2 Rxa1 23.Qa8+ Kd7 24.Nxb5? -7.95/24

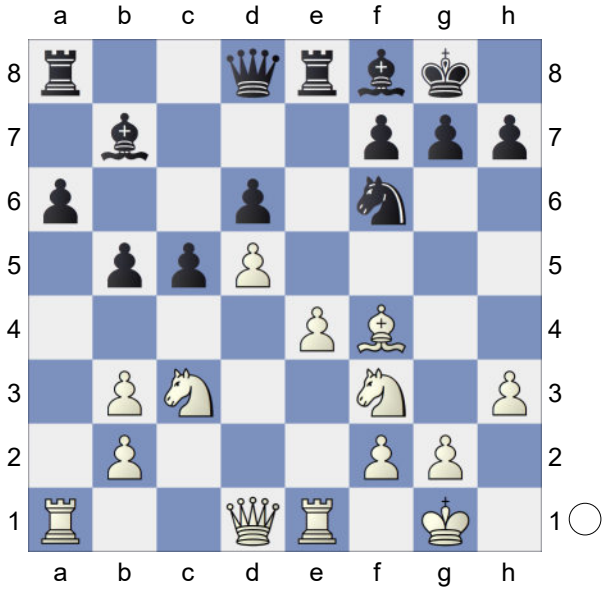
[24.Qf3 -3.51/23 Rg1 25.Ne4 Nxe4

26.dxe4]
24...Bxe3
[24...Nxh5 25.Qf3 axb5 26.Qxh5=]
25.Bxe3 Qg4+
[25...axb5 26.Qxa1 Qg4+ 27.Kd2±]
[25...Nxh5 26.Nd4 Qe5 27.Qc6+ Kc8 28.Qa8+ Kd7 29.Qc6+ Kc8 30.b4=]
26.Kd2 Rd1+
[Inferior is 26...axb5 27.Qxa1 Qb4+ 28.c3 Qxb3 29.h6±]
[26...Nxh5? perishes. 27.Qd5+ Ke7 *(27...Kc8? 28.Na7+ Kb8 29.Nc6+ Kc8 30.Ne7+ Kb8 31.Qc5+-)* 28.Qc5+ *(28.Nxc7 Qb4+ 29.c3 Qg4±)* 28...Ke8 29.Nxc7+ Kd8 30.b4+-]
27.Kc3 axb5 28.Qf8
Weighted Error Value: White=1.29/ Black=0.30
28...Nd5#
0-1

C70

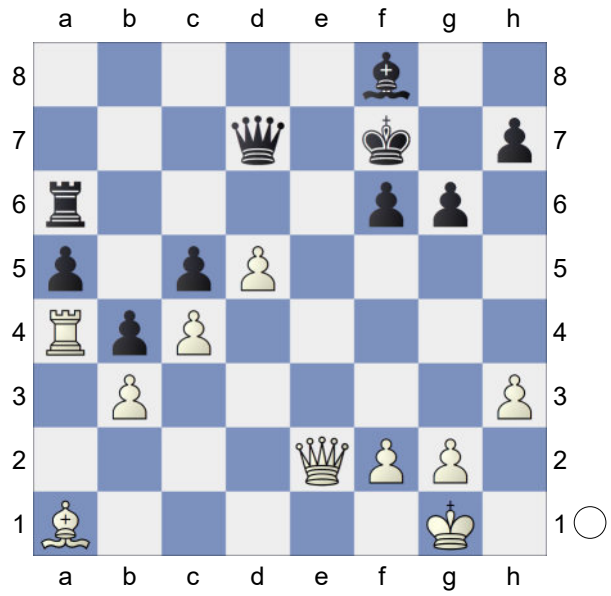
□ **Marra,Eduardo da Costa 2223**
■ **Kobo,Ori 2525**
Titled Tue 11. Mar Early (6) 11.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Re1 -0.08/20
[⌓8.Qxd4 0.30/21 Nxb3 9.cxb3]
8...Nxb3= 9.axb3 The position is equal.
9...c5 0.53/21
[9...Bc5= -0.04/21]
10.c3 d6 11.cxd4 Threatens to win with Nc3. **11...Be7 12.Nc3 Nf6** Against Nd5
13.d5N
[13.Nh4!? b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Bf4 cxd4 18.Qf3 Re8 19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 21.h4 Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Bg5 Bxg5 24.hxg5 8. Ruy Lopez Norwegian Defens-Norwegian Defense 7...exd4 #1]
13...0-0 14.Bf4 Re8 15.h3 Bf8



16.Qd3 b4 17.Nb1 a5 18.Nbd2 Ba6 19.Nc4 Nd7 20.Qc2
[20.Bxd6? Bxd6 21.Re2 Ne5 22.Nfxe5 Bxe5-+]
20...Bxc4 21.bxc4 Qf6 22.Bg3 g6 0.56/24
[22...Nb6= 0.01/21]
23.Re2 -0.01/25
[23.Qa4± 0.56/24 Ne5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Ra2]
23...Qd8 24.e5 -0.47/25
[24.Nd2= 0.01/21 might be stronger.]
24...dxe5∓ 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 Qd7 0.78/21
[26...a4∓ -0.48/25 stays ahead.]
27.b3± Ra6 28.Ra4 f6 1.51/22
[28...Re7± 0.57/22]
29.Ba1 0.58/24
[29.Bg3± 1.51/22]
29...Rxe2± 30.Qxe2 Kf7 1.20/24
[30...Qe7± 0.54/23 31.Qf3 Qe1+

32.Kh2 Be7]

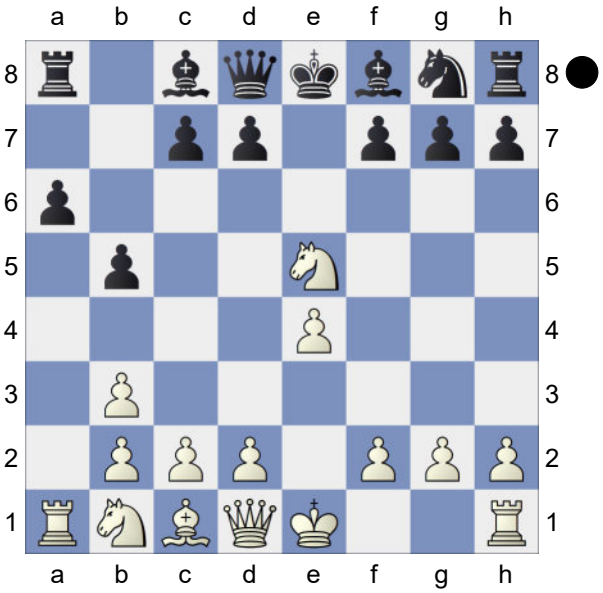


31.Ra2 0.48/25
[31.g4!± 1.20/24]
31...Ra8 32.Qg4 0.01/27
[32.Qe1± 0.67/24]
32...Qxg4= 33.hxg4 Endgame KRB-KRB **33...Bd6** aiming for ...a4!. **34.g3 Be5 35.Bxe5 fxe5** KR-KR **36.Kf1 Ke7** 0.84/31
[36...a4= 0.01/25 remains equal. 37.bxa4 *(37.Rxa4? Rxa4 38.f4 exf4-+)* 37...b3]
37.Ke2± Kd6 38.Kd3 Ra7 39.Ke4 h6 40.f3 Ra8 41.Ra1 Ra7 1.15/29
[Black should play 41...g5 0.78/29]
42.Ra2 -0.01/30
[42.Kd3± 1.15/29]
42...Ra8!= 43.Ra4 Ra7 44.Ra1 Ra8 45.Ra2 Ra7 1.08/28
[45...g5!± 0.52/27]
46.Ra4 0.69/31
[46.Kd3± 1.08/28]
46...Ra8 47.Ra2 -0.01/27
[47.Ke3± 0.72/30]
47...Ra7! 48.Ra4 0.01/27
[White should try 48.Kd3± 1.46/26]
48...Ra8!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.20 (precise)
49.Ra2? -0.01/40
[49.Ke3± 1.50/26]
½-½

C70
□ **Bartel,Michal** **2167**
■ **Grigorjev,Iljya** **2399**
Titled Tuesday 23. Nov (6) 23.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3



Strongly threatening Nxf7!. **7...Qg5**
[7...Qe7 8.d4 d6 9.Nf3 Qxe4+ 10.Be3 Bf5 11.c3 Qd3 12.Qxd3 Bxd3 13.Na3 c6 14.Kd2 Be4 15.Rhe1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Kd7 17.Nc2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Nd5 19.c4 Nc7 20.Kd3 h6 21.Bd2 Be7 22.Ne3 1-0 (60) Timofeev,A (2567)-Moiseenko,V (2529) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (7.7)]
8.d4N -1.41/23
[8.Nf3!= 0.23/19 Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3

10.Rg3 *(10.Nc3 Bb7 11.d4 d6 12.Qd3 g6 13.Bf4 Bg7* C 70/04 1997 *)* 10...Qe6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 *(12...g6 13.Qe2 b4 14.Ng5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Nf6 18.Ra5 Be7 19.Ne4 Nh5 20.Rg1 f5 21.Nc5 Bd6 22.h3 Nf6 23.Kf3 Kf7 24.Bd2 Rhb8 25.Rga1 Bxc5 26.Rxc5 Rb7 27.Ra4* 0-1 (59) Nielsen,R (2062)-Paananen,J (2412) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2020 (7) *)* 13.Be3 g6 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.Ra2 c6 16.Qa1 Kc7 17.Rxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Rc8 19.Ndxb5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+ Ke7 21.Nd5+ 1-0 Da Silvo Filho-Franke,J Tele-sim Tal-AUS [Tal 1974]

8...Qxg2∓ 9.Qf3 Qxf3 Black is better.

10.Nxf3 Bb7 11.Nfd2 -1.81/19

[11.Nbd2∓ -1.08/19]

11...f5-+ 12.f3 fxe4 13.Nxe4 0-0-0 -0.97/18

[⌓13...Ne7 -1.45/19 14.Kf2 0-0-0]

14.0-0 -1.61/20

[14.c4∓ -0.97/18]

14...Nf6 -0.47/22

[Black should try 14...Ne7-+ -1.61/20 15.Rd1 Rg8]

15.Nbc3 -1.21/20

[15.Nxf6∓ -0.47/22 gxf6 16.Bf4]

15...Bb4 -0.09/20

[15...Be7∓ -1.21/20 ...b4 is the strong threat. 16.Bg5 b4]

16.Nxf6!= gxf6 17.Ne4 -0.46/22

[17.Kf2= -0.08/22]

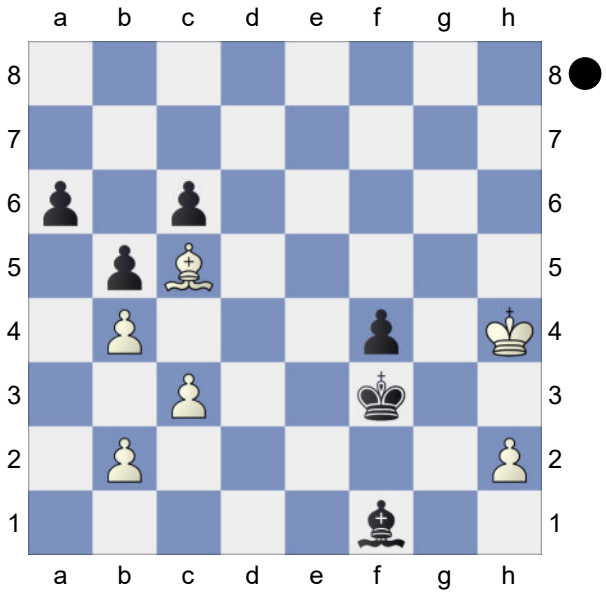
17...Rhg8+ 18.Kf2 f5 19.Nc5 Bxc5 -0.05/21

[19...Rg6∓ -0.43/26 20.Nxb7 Kxb7]

20.dxc5 d6 21.cxd6 Rxd6 22.Bf4 Rdg6 23.Rg1 Inhibits Rg2+. **23...Rxg1 24.Rxg1 Rxg1 25.Kxg1 Bxf3** Endgame next ...Bd1 is good for Black. KB-KB. Black is a pawn up. **26.b4 c6 27.Kf2 Be4 28.c3 Kd7 29.Ke3 Ke6 30.Kd4 Bd5 31.Kc5 Bg2 32.Kd4 Kf6 33.Kc5 Kg6 34.Kd4 Kh5 35.Ke3 Kg4 36.Bc7 Bd5 37.Bd6 h5 38.Bc7 h4 39.Bd6 Kh3 40.Be7 Kg4 41.Bd6 Bh1 42.Bc7 Kh5 43.Kf4 Kg6 44.Bd8 h3 45.Bc7 Be4 46.Kg3 Bg2 47.Kf4 Kf6 48.Bb6 Ke6 49.Bd4 Bf1 50.Bc5 Bd3 51.Bd4 Kd5 52.Kg3 Ke4 53.Kxh3 Kf3 54.Kh4 f4 55.Kg5 Ke4 56.Kg4 Be2+ 57.Kh3 Kf3** Loses the game. **58.Bc5?** -9.69/26

[58.Be5= -0.01/22]

58...Bf1+-+ 59.Kh4



Kg2! Black is clearly winning. **60.Kg4 f3 61.h4 f2 62.Kf4 Be2 63.Ke5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.11 (very precise)

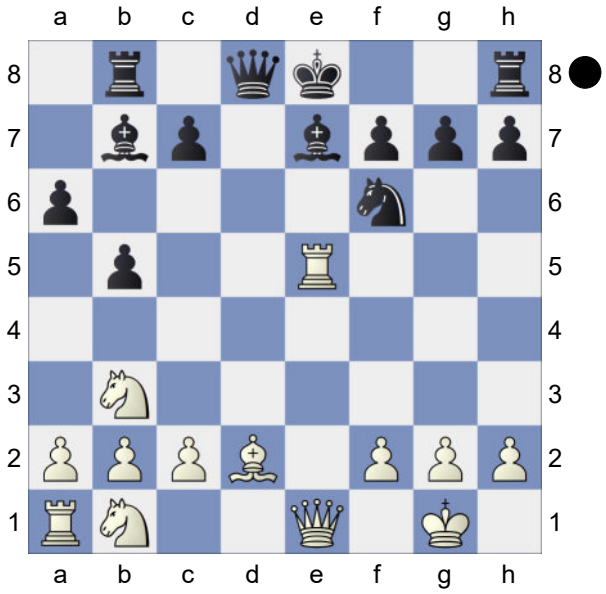
63...f1Q

0-1

C70

□ **Marczykoski,Paulo Roberto T 1716**
■ **Martinez Camacho,Victor Hugo**
corr BRA - MEX 2023 11.06.2023
[Martínez Camacho]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.Bd2 Nxb3 C70: Ruy López (Desviaciones en la jugada 4, Variante Noruega y Schliemann diferida). **10.Nxb3 Rb8 11.Re1** Esperando por a4. **11...Nf6** La posición está igualada. **12.e5 dxe5 13.Rxe5+ Be7** Una fuerte pareja de alfiles. **14.Qe1↑**

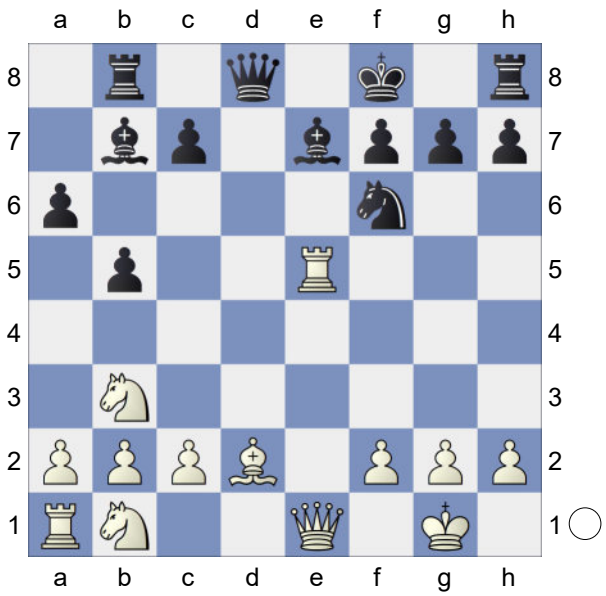


Ab4 would be deadly. Las blancas tienen buen juego. **14...Kf8N**

[14...Ng4= y Las negras no tienen de que preocuparse. 15.Rg5 Nxf2]

[Predecesor: 14...Ng4 15.Rg5 Nxf2 16.Kxf2 0-0 17.Rg3 Re8 18.Qf1 Bh4 19.Kg1 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Bd5 1-0 Lobanov,S (2507)-Sychev,K (2563) Moscow op-A 16th 2020 (8)]

(Diagram)



15.Rxe7!+- Eliminación del defensor **15...Nd5**

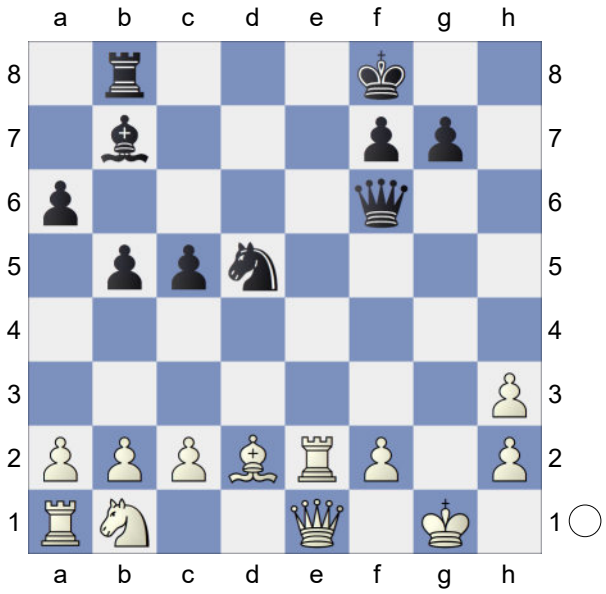
[15...Qxe7? 16.Bb4 Re8 17.Bxe7+]

[15...h5 16.Bb4]

16.Re2 h5 17.Nd4 c5 18.Nf3 h4 19.Ng5 h3 20.Nxh3

[Menos fuerte es 20.gxh3 Rh5+-]

20...Rxh3 21.gxh3 Qf6



Amenazando con fuerza ...Df3! **22.f3! Rd8**

[22...Qd4+ 23.Kg2]

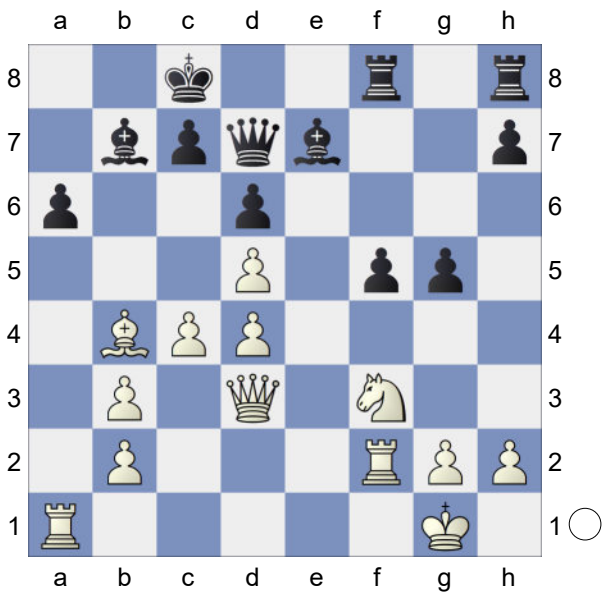
23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.Bxc3 Qxf3 (-> ...Dh1+) **25.Rd1??**

[25.Qh4? recibe mate. Qh1+ 26.Kf2 Qg2+ 27.Ke3 Qf3#]
[25.Qg3+- f6 26.Qxf3 Bxf3 27.Re6]
25...Qh1+ ¡Vaya pesadilla para las piezas blancas!
Gravedad del error: Blancas=0.49/ Negras=0.65.
Pierde la partida:
--- Negras=1
Se dejó escapar la victoria:
Blancas=1 ---
Ok:
Blancas=3 Negras=4
Mejor:
--- Negras=2
¡Brillante!:
Blancas=1 ---
0-1

C70

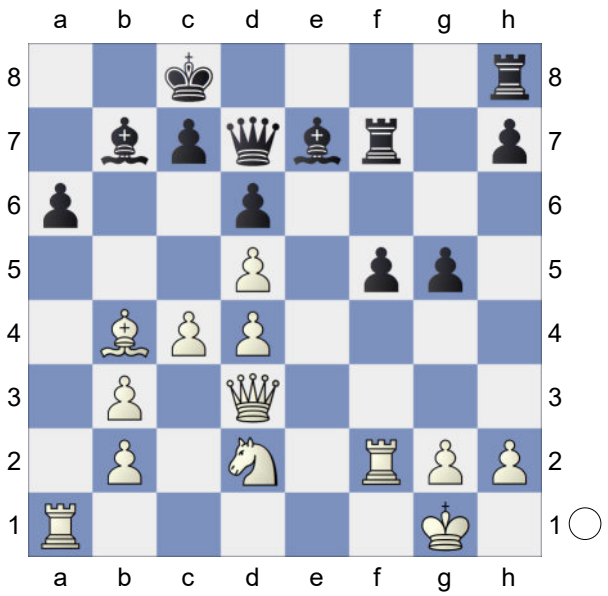
□ **Gipslis,Aivars**
■ **Nei,Iivo**
23/275 Tallinn 1977
[TA]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 f6 0.98/18
[7...exd4± 0.56/20 8.Nxd4 *(8.Qxd4 Bb7=)* 8...Bd7]
8.Nh4 0.26/22
[8.Bxg8± 0.98/18 Rxg8 9.Nfd2]
8...Nxb3 9.axb3 Qd7 10.c4 White is slightly better. **10...Bb7** 1.14/22
[10...b4± 0.34/21]
11.Nc3± Ne7 12.f4 0.26/22
[12.Be3± 0.96/20]
12...exf4 1.05/24
[12...exd4= 0.26/22 remains equal. 13.Qxd4 0-0-0]
13.Rxf4
[13.Bxf4 g5 14.Qh5+ Kd8∓]
13...b4 0.95/23
[13...g5!± 0.39/23 14.Rxf6 *(14.Qh5+ Kd8=)* 14...gxh4 15.Qh5+ Kd8]
14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 0-0-0 16.Rf2 g6N 1.23/22
[⌓16...Re8 0.84/22]
17.Bd2 0.69/22
[17.Rxf6± 1.23/22 Threatens to win with Nf3. Bg7 18.Rf1]
17...f5 18.Nf3 White is more active.
18...Be7 1.51/21 Against Ng5
[⌓18...h6 0.96/21]
19.Bxb4 0.57/20
[19.Re2± 1.51/21]
19...g5± 20.Qd3 Rdf8 1.64/21
[20...f4± 0.63/21]

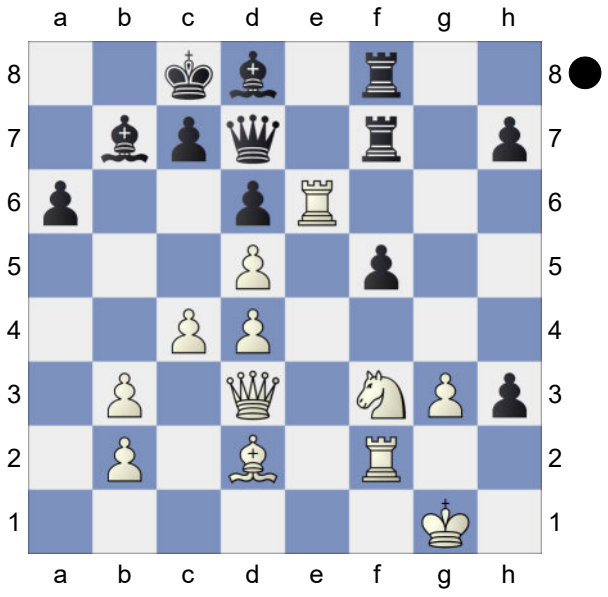


21.Nd2 0.20/21
[21.c5!+- 1.64/21 Bxd5 22.Rxa6 *(22.Qxa6+ Bb7±)*]
21...Rf7 0.82/21
[21...f4!= 0.20/21]

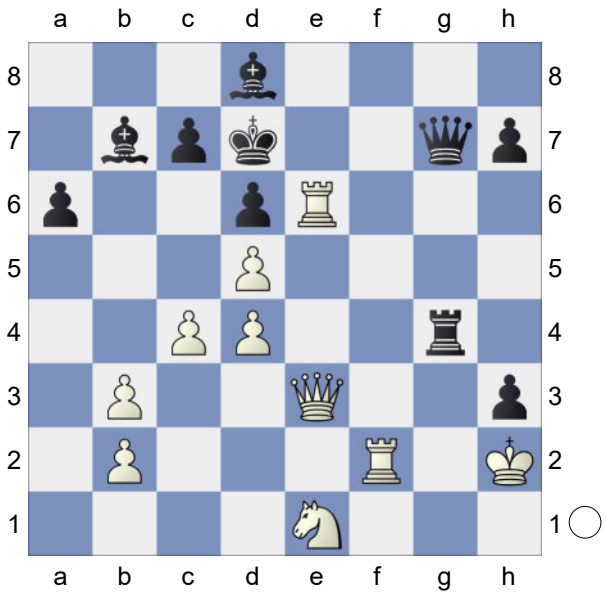
(Diagram)



22.Re1 0.17/22
[22.Nb1!± 0.82/21]
22...g4 23.Re6 -0.23/21
[⌓23.g3 0.23/23]
23...Rhf8 24.g3 -0.61/23
[White should play 24.Rfe2= 0.01/21]
24...Bg5 25.h4 gxh3 26.Nf3 Bd8
...Rg8 is the strong threat. **27.Bd2**



f4! 28.Bxf4 Loses the game.
28...Rxf4?? 2.37/20
[28...Kb8= -0.20/23]
29.gxf4+- Rxf4 30.Qe3 Qg7+? 5.50/23
[30...Rf8 1.99/24 is more resistant.
31.Kh1 Qf7]
31.Kh2 White is clearly winning.
31...Rg4 32.Ne1 Repels Rg2+
[Not 32.Kxh3 Kb8±]
32...Kd7



33.Rxd6+!! cxd6 34.Qe6+
[34.Kxh3? Rh4#]
34...Kc7 35.Rf7+ Deflection, Double Attack
[35.Kxh3? Rh4#]
35...Kb8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=1.01
36.Qxd6+
[36.Kxh3? Rh4#]
1-0

C70

□ **Fischer,Robert James**
■ **Johannessen,Svein**
Olympiad-17 Preliminaries C (7) 3.11.66
[Bulletin,TA]

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8.axb3 f6 9.c4 0.49/21
[9.Nc3± 0.85/18]

9...Bb7 1.25/17 Parma,B: 'Davies,Nigel: 'Black can improve on this with''

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A) Black also seems OK after other moves, for example 10.Nh4 -0.01/20 10.Be3 0.67 Ne7 11.Be3 -0.33/21 *(11.d5±* 0.34/21 *)* 11...g6 0.04/21 *(11...exd4∓* -0.33/21 *12.Qxd4 Bb7)* 12.Qd2 -0.73/20 *(12.Nf3=* 0.04/21 *)* 12...exd4∓ 13.Bxd4 Bg7 -0.14/20 *(13...Nc6∓* -0.83/21 *)* 14.Be3= a5 15.Bh6 0-0 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qe3 c5 18.Nd2 g5 19.Nhf3 Ng6 was fine for Black in Ernst - Agdestein, Gausdal 1987 Nigel Davies: 'was fine for Black in Ernst - Agdestein, Gausdal 1987';
B) 10.Qd3 c5! 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Be3 Kc7 14.Ne1 a5 15.Nd3 Kc6 was rather equal in Timman - Agdestein, Belgrade 1989;
C) 10.d5 c5 11.Nh4 -0.54/21 *(11.dxc6±* 0.73/20 *Ne7 12.Ne1)* 11...g6∓ 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nh6 14.Nd2 Nf7 15.Bg3 -0.68/19 *(15.Nhf3!=* -0.16/20 *)* 15...Bg7 left Black with no problems in King - Gausel, Gausdal 1990 Nigel Davies: 'left Black with no problems in King - Gausel, Gausdal 1990';
D) 10.Be3 Parma,B: 'Black also

seems OK after other moves, for example' 10...Bb7 0.78/21 *(10...Ne7⩲* 0.42/19 *)*

D1) 11.d5 c5 12.dxc6 Bxc6 13.Nbd2 Qd7 1.24/18 *(13...Ne7⩲* 0.64/18 *)* 14.Ne1± Qb7 1.57/17 *(⌓14...f5* 0.91/17 *)* 15.f3 0.60/16 *(15.Nd3±* 1.57/17 *)* 15...g6 1.42/18 *(15...Ne7⩲* 0.60/16 *)* 16.Nc2 0.78/18 *(16.f4* 1.42/18 *)* 16...Ne7 1.19/19 *(⌓16...Nh6* 0.78/18 *)* 17.Qe2± a5 left Black at least equal in Murey - Agdestein, Jerusalem 1986 Nigel Davies: 'left Black at least equal in Murey - Agdestein, Jerusalem 1986';

D2) 11.d5± 0.78/21;

D3) 11.Nbd2 0.11/18 11...c5!= 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Qe2 Bd6

D3a) 14.Ne1 Ne7 15.Nd3 Qb6 *(15...Rc8!?)* 16.Qg4 f5! 17.exf5 0-0 18.f6 -0.37/18 *(18.f3!=* 0.01/23 *)* 18...Rxf6 gave Black the initiative in Topalov - Agdestein, Biel 1993;

D3b) 14.Nh4 g6 Inhibits Qh5. 15.Rad1 *(15.Rfd1 Ne7 16.Nf1! Qc7* was OK for Black in Wahlbom - Zwaig, Dresden 1969 Nigel Davies: 'was OK for Black in Wahlbom - Zwaig, Dresden 1969' *)* 15...Qc7 Parma,B: 'After' *(*After *15...Ne7* Timman might have been intending Nigel Davies: 'Timman might have been intending' *16.f4!?)* 16.Qg4 -0.72/18 *(16.Qf3∓* -0.35/20 *)* 16...Bc8 0.01/18 *(16...Ne7∓* -0.72/18 *)* 17.Qf3= Be6 0.58/18 *(17...Kf7=* 0.01/18 *)* 18.Nf5 0.01/18 *(18.Rfe1!⩲* 0.58/18 *)* 18...Bf8!= 19.h3 Rd8 20.Ng3 h5 21.Ne2 -1.16/21 *(21.Rfe1=* -0.01/21 *)* 21...Kf7 0.01/19 *(21...g5!∓* -1.16/21 *22.Rfe1 g4 23.hxg4 hxg4)* 22.Nc1= Kg7 23.Qe2 Bd6 24.Nd3 Ne7? 1.63/19 *(24...g5=* 0.02/19 *)* 25.f4 and White had the initiative in Timman - Agdestein, Brussels 1992 Nigel Davies: 'and White had the initiative in Timman - Agdestein, Brussels 1992']

[9...b4!⩲ 0.49/21]

10.Nc3± Nigel Davies: 'The most natural move, but not his only possibility.' Nigel Davies: 'The most natural move, but not his only possibility.' Parma,B: 'Davies, Nigel: 'In Ivkov - Hoen, Havana (ol) 1966 White played"

[In Ivkov - Hoen, Havana (ol) 1966 White played Nigel Davies: 'In Ivkov - Hoen, Havana (ol) 1966 White played' 10.Qe2 0.68/19 10.Nc3 1.42 and after b4! 11.Rd1 Qc8 12.Nbd2 0.38/18 *(12.c5±* 0.90/19 *)* 12...c5!⩲ 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Nf1 Ne7 15.Nh4 Qe6 1.31/21 *(15...h5!=* 0.23/19 keeps the balance. *)* 16.Qd3 0.46/18 *(16.Be3!±* 1.31/21 *)* 16...Nc6!⩲ Strongly threatening ...Rd8. 17.Ne3! Nd4 18.Nd5 had a slight advantage.]

10...Ne7 1.50/18

[10...b4 in this position would be answered by 11.Nd5]

[10...b4 1.07/20]

11.Qe2 0.75/16

[⌓11.cxb5 1.50/18 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Qe2 *(13.Nxb5 Bxe4 14.Nc3 Bc6=)*]

11...c6 1.91/17

[11...b4 12.Nd5 Nc6 1.85/20

(12...Nxd5± 0.83/18 *13.cxd5 Be7)* 13.dxe5+- dxe5 2.28/19 *(13...fxe5±* 1.59/21 *14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nxb4 h6)* 14.Rd1+- Hoping for Be3. Qc8 3.09/19 *(⌓14...Bc5* 1.84/18 *15.Nxb4 Qc8)* 15.Be3? 1.17/17 *(15.Nh4+-* 3.09/19 *Nd8 16.Bd2)* 15...Be7± 16.Nh4 0-0 17.Nf5 Rf7 18.h4 1.00/20 *(18.Qg4+-* 1.63/19 *)* 18...Bf8± 19.h5 left Black under serious pressure in Medina Garcia - Zwaig, Havana (ol) 1966 Nigel Davies: 'left Black under serious pressure in Medina Garcia - Zwaig, Havana (ol) 1966']

[11...b4± 0.75/16]

12.Rd1+- Qc7 13.Be3± 1.17/17 Parma,Bruno: 'Nigel Davies: 'Bulletin: '±'"

[13.cxb5+- 1.74/18 cxb5 14.b4]

13...Ng6± 14.Rac1 0.67/17

[14.b4+- 1.62/18]

14...b4!± 15.Na4 c5 1.52/19

[⌓15...exd4 0.74/19 16.Nxd4 c5]

16.dxc5± dxc5 17.Qd3 0.54/21

[17.Rd5± 1.60/19]

17...Rb8!± 18.Nb6! Deflection

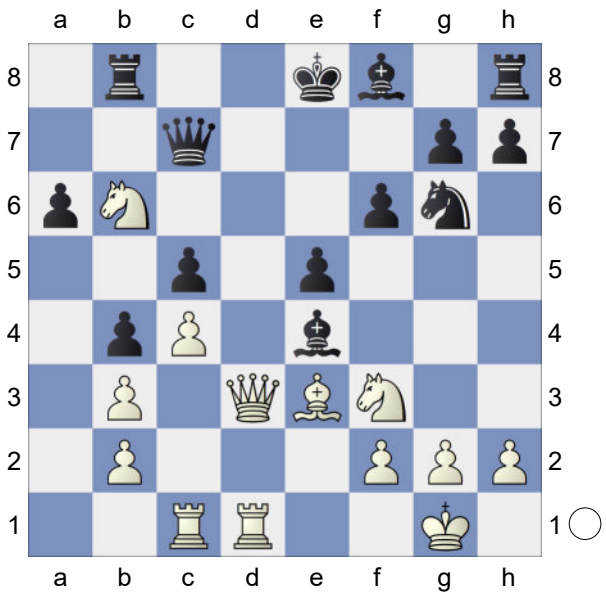
18...Be7N 1.75/22 Parma,B: 'Davies, Nigel: 'Or if"

[Nigel Davies: 'Or if' 18...Bxe4? 2.62/20 18...Rd8 0.68

(Diagram)

Nigel Davies: 'there is' Parma,B: 'Davies,Nigel: 'there is" 19.Nd5! Bxd5 20.cxd5± Nigel Davies: 'and Black is in serious trouble.' Parma,Bruno: 'Nigel Davies: 'and Black is in serious trouble.' Nigel Davies: 'and Black is in serious trouble. Bulletin: '±'" Parma,B: 'Davies,Nigel: 'and Black is in serious trouble."]

[Black should try 18...Rd8!± 0.70/20



19.Qxd8+ Qxd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8]

19.Nd5+- Qc6 20.Qe2 1.13/19

[20.Ne1+- 1.90/21]

20...Bd6± 21.Rd3 0.69/19 White has more active pieces.

[White should try 21.Rd2± 1.45/21]

21...Rc8 1.75/19

[21...0-0!± 0.69/19]

22.Rcd1 1.26/22

[22.Qd1+- 1.75/19 0-0 23.Nxb4 cxb4 24.Rxd6 Qxe4 25.c5]

22...Bb8 1.91/20

[22...0-0± 1.26/22]

23.Nd2 0.74/21

[23.R3d2+- 1.91/20 is more deadly.]

23...Qe6 1.64/24

[23...0-0± 0.74/21]

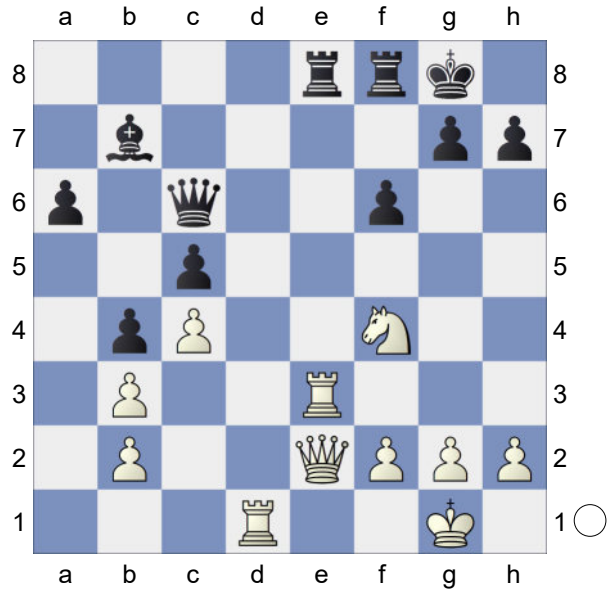
24.Nf1+- Nigel Davies: '!' '!' Parma, Bruno: '!' '!' '!' Parma,Bruno: 'Bulletin: 'Nigel Davies: '!'" Parma,B: '!'. Excellent horsemanship. **24...0-0 25.Ng3** 0.01/20

[25.Qf3± 1.51/22]

25...Nf4!= 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Nh5↑ White is more active. **27...Rce8** 1.69/21 Nigel Davies: '?' '?' Parma,Bruno: 'Nigel Davies: '?' '?" Parma,B: 'Davies,Nigel: '?' Davies,Nigel: 'Black should play"

[Nigel Davies: 'Black should play'

27...Rfe8!± 1.93/21 27...g5 0.01 Nigel Davies: 'with a reasonable game.' Parma,Bruno: 'Nigel Davies: 'with a reasonable game.' Nigel Davies: 'with a reasonable game. Bulletin: '±!'" Parma,B: 'Davies,Nigel: 'with a reasonable game.'']
[27...g5!= 0.22/21 and Black stays safe.]
28.Nhxf4 0.91/19
[28.Ndxf4+- 1.69/21 Qc8 29.Rd7]
28...Bxf4 2.63/18
[28...Qc8± 0.91/19 was necessary.]
29.Nxf4+- Qxe4 30.Re3 Parma,Bruno: 'Nigel Davies: 'Bulletin: '+-'" **30...Qc6**



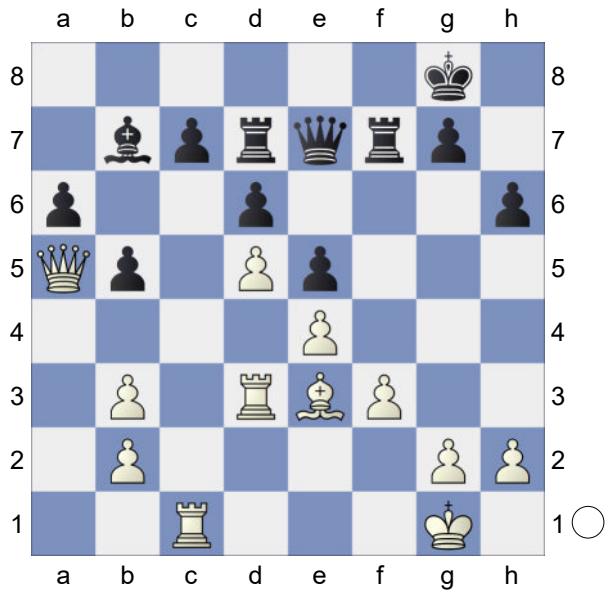
31.Re6 Qc8 32.h4 g6? 5.08/24
[32...a5 2.66/23 33.Rdd6 Qc7]
33.Re7 Rxe7 34.Qxe7 White threatens Ne6 and mate. **34...Rf7 35.Rd8+ Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.93
36.Ne6+
1-0

C70

□ **Fedorowicz,John P**
■ **Neves,Jose Joaquim**
(open) 55/394 1972
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 f6 1.17/20
[7...exd4± 0.41/23 8.Nxd4 *(8.Qxd4 Ne7=)* 8...Bd7]
8.Be3 0.64/20
[8.Bxg8]
[8.Bxg8± 1.17/20 Rxg8 9.d5]
8...Ne7
[8...exd4 1.77/20 8...Nxb3 0.63 9.Qxd4 0.73/19 *(9.Nxd4+-* 1.77/20 has better winning chances. *Nxb3 10.axb3)* 9...c5 1.63/22 *(9...Ne7±* 0.73/19 *)* 10.Qd5]
9.dxe5 0.43/22
[9.c4± 0.94/18]
9...fxe5 1.06/21
[9...Nxb3± 0.43/22 10.axb3 dxe5]
10.Nc3 White is better. **10...Nxb3** 1.35/21
[⌓10...Qd7 0.74/19]
11.axb3 0.61/19
[11.cxb3± 1.35/21 c6 12.a4]
11...Qd7± 12.Qd2 0.43/18
[12.b4± 0.84/19]
12...Ng6 0.99/22
[Better is 12...Bb7± 0.43/18]
13.Nd5 0.34/21
[White should play 13.h4± 0.99/22]
13...Be7 0.99/21
[13...Bb7!± 0.34/21]
14.Ng5 -0.08/20 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[14.h4!± 0.99/21]
14...Bxg5N 0.48/20

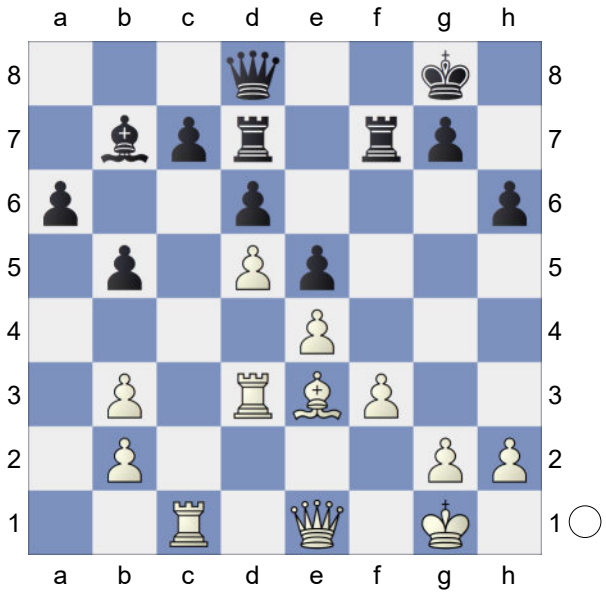
[14...Bd8!= -0.08/20]
15.Bxg5 Bb7 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.c4 h6** ...Bxd5 is the strong threat. **17.Be3**↑ White is more active.
17...Ne7 0.84/22
[17...0-0= 0.30/19 remains equal.]
18.f3 Nxd5 0.95/24
[18...0-0± 0.57/21]
19.cxd5± 0-0 20.Rfd1 0.45/21
[20.b4± 0.91/22]
20...Rf7 0.84/22
[20...Rac8± 0.45/21 is more appropriate.]
21.Qa5 Qe7 1.06/23
[21...Rc8± 0.55/24]
22.Rac1 Rd8 23.Rd3 Rd7 1.80/19
[23...Kh7± 1.12/20 24.Qd2 Rd7]



24.Qe1!+- Qd8

(Diagram)

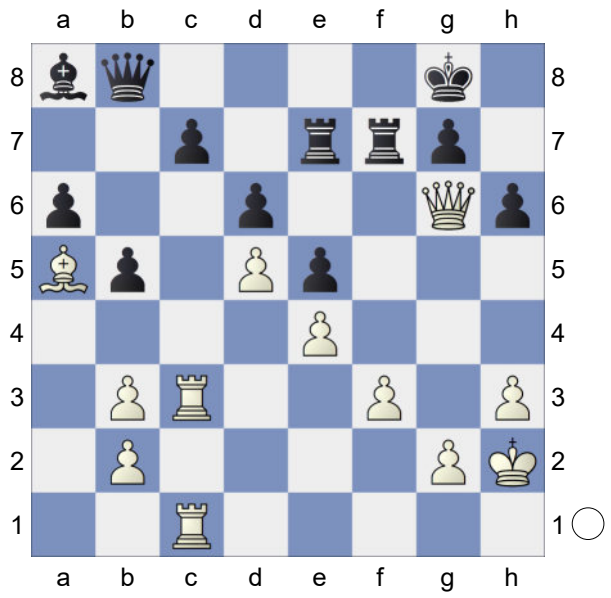
25.Bd2! Qa8 1.95/22
[25...g5± 1.26/22 keeps fighting. 26.Ba5 Qb8]
26.Qe3 Kf8? 3.66/20
[26...a5 2.10/20 26...Rf8 1.62 27.Ra1 a4 2.10/21 *(⌓27...c6* 1.70/21



28.Rxa5 Qc8) 28.bxa4 bxa4 29.b3 a3 30.b4]
[26...Rf8 1.66/22 27.Rdc3 Qb8]
27.Ba5 Ke8 28.Rdc3 Qb8 29.Qf2 Ba8 30.Kh1 Kd8 4.19/22
[⌓30...g5 2.80/20 31.Qg3 Kf8]
31.Qh4+ Kc8 32.Qf2? -0.01/18
[32.Qg3+- 3.85/21 R3c2 is the strong threat. Kb7 33.Qf2]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
32...Kd8!= 33.h3 Rde7? 6.51/23
[33...g5 2.91/19 34.Ra1 Kc8]
34.Kh2 Ke8? 7.73/20
[34...g5 3.65/20 35.R3c2 Rg7]
35.Qg3 White is clearly winning. **35...Kf8** 8.43/21
[⌓35...g5 4.91/21 36.h4 Kf8]
36.Qg6+- Kg8

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.94
37.Bxc7! Double Attack
1-0



C70

Ruy Lopez 5...Na5
[TA]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Ruy Lopez Opening, one of the most strategically complicated opebnings in chess. When I was active player I encountered this move in approximately 85% of my games, where I opted for 1...e5, however, nowadays Giuco Piano has become extremely trendy and maybe even a bit more popular White choice. Still I get more questions about choosing a variation against Ruy Lopez, rather than Giuco Piano. In this file I would like to offer you full Repertoire for Black against 3.Bb5, which includes Exchanged variation and still not fully recognized line 4...b5 5.Bb3 î€¨a5, which leads to very unortodox positions (without complexity of Ruy Lopez structures)and exciting double-edged play. **3...a6 4.Ba4** Of course we need to know exchanged variation

[4.Bxc6 dxc6

A) 5.d4 exd4

A1) 6.Nxd4?! c5 7.Ne2 other knight moves are even less impressive: *(7.Nf3 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Be6* one illustrative example here: *9.Nc3 0-0-0+ 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.Re1 h6∓* Black was clearly better in Williams-Ferrari, ICCF email 2015*; 7.Nb3 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Be6 9.Be3 0-0-0+ 10.Ke1 b6 11.f3* Motyliov-Gertsyk, Ekaterinburg 2009 and now Black could play *f5!N 12.Nc3 Bd6∓* and the play will open up clearly in Black's favor thanks to his bishop pair *)*;

A2) 6.Qxd4 inferior for White 6...Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 Black main startegy in these endgames first to consolidate, solving problem of kingisde development and in long run take advantage of his bishop pair.

A2a) 8.Nc3 0-0-0 9.f3 Ne7 10.Be3 *(10.Bd2* five games have arrived to this position. Besides natural 10...î€¨g6 Black can try curious *Bh3!?N 11.gxh3 Rxd4 12.Ne2 Rd7∓)* 10...Re8!? currently Black is threatening 11...î€¨d5 11.Kf2 De Wit-Slagboom, Hoogeveen 2024 here I like c5N 12.Nde2 b6 13.g4 h5 14.g5 g6 15.Rad1 Bg7∓;

A2b) 8.f3 0-0-0 9.Be3 *(9.Nc3* leads to 8.î€¨c3 *)* 9...c5 10.Ne2 this is better square for the knight than *(10.Nb3 b6 11.Nc3* two games reached this position. My recommendation here *Ne7N 12.0-0-0 h5 13.h4 Ng6∓)*

10...f5! there is only one game, which went 11.Nd2 Nf6 12.Ng3 fxe4 13.Ndxe4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Bf5 15.0-0 Bxe4! 16.fxe4 Re8 17.Rf7 Rxe4 18.Bf4 Re7 19.Rxe7 Bxe7∓ Garcia Castilla-Ferre Perez, ICCF email 2016;

A2c) 8.Be3 two alternative lines: 8...0-0-0

A2c1) 9.Nc3 here I like the following example Re8! 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Rhe1 Ng6 12.f3 Bd6 13.g3?! Ne5 14.Bf4 f6∓ Chadaev-Gavrilov, Voronezh 2004;

A2c2) 9.0-0 Re8

A2c21) 10.Nd2 c5 11.Ne2 *(11.N4b3 b6 12.Rfe1 Ne7 13.f3 Nc6 14.a3 g6 15.f4* Â½-Â½ (87) Tosic,S (2329)-Petkovic,R (2274) Kragujevac 2010 *Bg7 16.e5 g5 17.Nf3 gxf4 18.Bxf4 Ne7∓)* 11...b6 12.f3 Â½-Â½ (31) Popov, S-Diener,R (2175) ICCF email 2010 g6 13.c3 Bg7∓;

A2c22) 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.Nde2 f5! 12.Bd4! White best move here Nf6 13.e5 Ng4 14.f4 c5 15.Nd5 cxd4 16.Nxb4 Klotz-Nowik, Cologne 1994 after accurate Rd8!N 17.Rfe1 Be8∓;

A2c3) 9.f3 takes us back to 8.f3 line;

A2c4) 9.Nd2 White other choices: 9...Ne7 the bet square for Black knight 10.0-0-0 Ng6

A2c41) 11.Nf5 Musalov-Shukh, Taganrog 2011 Black could play h5!N 12.h4 Re8 13.Nd4 Be7 14.g3 Ne5∓;

A2c42) 11.f4 is well met with Bd6 12.g3 *(12.e5 Be7 13.Rhf1 Nh4! 14.Rf2 b6 15.g3 c5! 16.N4f3 Nf5 17.Re1 h6 18.Nf1 a5∓* Bellisario-Thomas, ICCF email 2019 *)* 12...Rhe8 13.N4b3 b6 14.e5 Bf8 15.Rde1 Fischer-Koechle, freechess.de 2021 after accurate Ne7N 16.Nf3 h6∓;

A2c43) 11.f3 other moves 11...Be7 12.Rhe1 the main alternative is *(12.g4 Nh4 13.Rhg1 c5 14.Nf5 Nxf5 15.gxf5 g6 16.fxg6?! hxg6 17.Bf4 Be6∓* Bellisario-Pina Rosas, ICCF email 2018 *)* 12...h5!?N 13.Ne2 b6 14.h3 Rde8∓ I like Black chances thanks to his bishop pair.;

B) 5.Nc3 f6

B1) 6.d3 Bd6

B1a) 7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 Ne7 10.Na4! this is better than *(10.Qe2 c5 11.Nb1* happened in 3 games. A very natural improvement here *Nc6N 12.Nbd2 Qd7↑* with very promising position for

Black *)* 10...f5!N 11.exf5 Nxf5 12.Nc3 Nh4! 13.g4 Bg6∓;

B1b) 7.Be3 White second choice is 7...Ne7

I will examine White two most logical continuations:

B1b1) 8.d4 0-0 9.Qd3 Marzolf-Kleindienst, Baden 2003 a very nice improvement here Qe8!N and Black is ready for both 10.0-0 and *(10.0-0-0 b5! 11.Kb1 Be6→)* 10...Ng6 11.Rfe1 Bg4∓;

B1b2) 8.Nd2 and 8...Be6 9.Nc4 another example here *(9.Ne2* Gdanski-Panczyk, Cetniewo 1991 Black could play *Ng6N 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Nc4 Be7∓* with very comfortable position for Black. *)* 9...Bb4 10.0-0 Baker-Littlewood, Chester/ Cheshire 1979 Black could play b6N 11.Ne2 Ng6 12.c3 Be7∓;

B2) 6.0-0 c5

B2a) 7.Nxe5? fxe5 8.Qh5+ Kd7 9.Qxe5 this happened in Hammink-Tazelaar, Netherlands 1990 Black should have played Qf6N 10.Qg3 pointless for White *(10.Qd5+ Bd6)* 10...Qg6 with the following examplary line 11.Qe3 b6 12.d4 Bb7 13.Rd1 Kc8 14.d5 Kb8∓ White has not enough for sacrificed material.;

B2b) 7.d3 Doesn't work for White 7...Ne7

B2b1) 8.Nh4 Be6 9.Qh5+? Aulin Jansson-Wilhelmsen, Asker 2015 *(9.f4N exf4 10.Bxf4 Qd7 11.Be3 Nc6∓)* 9...g6 10.Qf3 Nc6∓;

B2b2) 8.Be3 I would like also to mention 8...Nc6 a great model example here 9.Nd2 Be6 10.Nc4 g5! 11.Qh5+ Bf7 12.Qf3 Nd4 13.Bxd4 cxd4 14.Ne2 h5 15.c3 dxc3 16.Nxc3 c6∓ Rihtaric-Gromotka, ICCF email 2017;

B3) 6.Nxe5? is easily refuted with fxe5 7.Qh5+ Kd7 8.Qxe5 Qf6+- 9.Qg3 Bd6 10.Qe3 c5-+ Schlund-Galuschka, freechess. de 2014;

B4) 6.d4 I will examine three White alternatives: 6...exd4

B4a) 7.Nxd4 c5 8.Nde2 Clearly White top choice *(8.Nf3 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Be6 10.Bf4 0-0-0 11.Nc3* Bubalovic-Papp, Budapest 2010 Black could play *Ne7N 12.h4 Nc6 13.Nd2 Be7∓)* 8...Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 another recapture *(9.Kxd1 Be6 10.Be3 0-0-0+ 11.Ke1 b6* one examplary line *12.f3 Ne7 13.Rd1 Rxd1+ 14.Kxd1* Darban Vaighani-Azarov, Abu Dhabi 2006 after accurate *Bf7N 15.h4 Nc6∓* Black position is more pleasant. *)* 9...Be6

B4a1) 10.Nf4 Bf7 11.Ne3 I would like also to mention *(11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.Be3 Bd6 13.0-0-0 Ne7 14.h4 h5 15.f3* Atabayev-Annaberdiev, Mersin 2022 after accurate *Nc6N 16.Nd3 b6∓)*

11...0-0-0 12.Bd2 two games reached this position. A logical improvement would be Ne7N 13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.h4 h5∓;

B4a2) 10.Ndc3 0-0-0 11.Be3 b6 with the following illustrative game 12.h4 Ne7 13.Rd1 Rxd1+ 14.Kxd1 h5 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.f3 Novkovic-Hapala, Linz 2011 and now Kb7N 17.Kd2 Nc6∓;

B4a3) 10.Bf4 White top choice. Two alternatives are: 10...0-0-0 11.Ne3 Ne7 here I will analyze 3 White main moves:

B4a31) 12.h4 Nc6 13.Rd1 in case of *(13.c3* as happeend twice on practice, I like *h5N 14.Bg3 Bf7∓)* 13...Rxd1+ 14.Kxd1 c4 good timing for this move 15.Nd5 Nikitin-Kazoks, corr 1991 Black could play Bxd5N 16.exd5 Ne7 17.d6 Nd5 18.dxc7 Bc5 19.Bg3 Nxc7∓;

B4a32) 12.0-0 g5! 13.Bg3 there are 3 games in this position h5N 14.h3 b5 15.Rad1 Rxd1 16.Rxd1 Rg8∓;

B4a33) 12.Rd1 Re8!? there is nothing wrong with 12...î€¦xd1 which is Black most popular choice

B4a331) 13.0-0 two games arrived to this position g5N seems to me like very natural novelty 14.Bg3 h5 15.f4 another line *(15.h3 h4 16.Bh2 b5 17.Nc3 Rh7!* and Black slowly but surely untangle on the kingside *)* 15...Nc6 with complex endgame, but I prefer Black chances with his bishop pair.;

B4a332) 13.h4 f5 14.exf5?! Nxf5 15.Kd2 Semenova-Bezgodov, Kazan 2010 after natural Nxe3N 16.Bxe3 Bd6∓ Black has better chances.;

B4b) 7.Qxd4 Another variation 7...Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 I will examined 3 moves for White:

B4b1) 9.f3 0-0-0 10.Kf2 I would like also to mention *(10.h4* White scores very well here *h5 11.Be3 Ne7 12.Kf2 Ng6 13.Rad1 Ne5 14.b3 b5 15.Nde2* Munkhzul-Balajayeva, Doha 2024 Black could play *Bd6N 16.Ng3 g6 17.Nce2 Kb7* and Black has no problems. *)* 10...Ne7 11.Be3 Ng6 12.Rad1 Ne5 13.b3 dubious alternative *(13.Rhe1?! Bb4 14.a3? Bxc3 15.bxc3* Escondrillas-Pfleger, Skopje 1972 after precise *c5N 16.Ne2 Ba4∓* Black is clearly better. *)*

13...Re8 14.h4 Bb4 15.Nce2 g6 16.Ng3 h5 17.Nde2 Bd6 Cardoso Garcia-Sueess, ICCF email 2017;
B4b2) 9.Bf4 0-0-0 the main line here 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.h4 the most ambitious Ng6 12.Bg3 h5 13.f3 9 games arrived to this position *(13.Rd2 Bb4* Black is very comfortable *14.Nde2* two games arrived to this position *Be6N 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.f3 Ne5∓)* 13...Re8N 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.Nde2 Be6∓;
B4b3) 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Ne7 there are over 160 games, but I just want to show the following model games 11.h4 h5! 12.Nde2 Ng6 13.f3 Bd6 *(13...Be7!?)* 14.Na4! Be6 15.Nc5 Bf7 16.Nd3 b6 17.b3 Duda-Ragger, Prague 2020 a nice improvement here Rhe8N 18.Nef4 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 Ba3+ 20.Kb1 Bf8 and Black can push a bit with his bishop pair.;

C) 5.Nxe5?! Qd4 6.Nf3 another line I would like to mention *(6.Ng4 Qxe4+ 7.Ne3 Be6 8.Nc3 Qg6 9.d3 0-0-0 10.Bd2* 5 games reached this position. Black has terrific score here, but I believe a minor improvement would be *Ne7N 11.Qf3 c5 12.0-0-0 Nc6∓)* 6...Qxe4+ 7.Qe2 this is better than *(7.Kf1* here I like the following illustrative example *Bg4 8.d3 0-0-0 9.Nbd2 Qd5 10.b3 f5! 11.Bb2 Nf6∓* Gratschner-Lois, LSS email 2009 *)* 7...Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 here I like the following set-up Ne7 9.Re1 Bd7 10.Kf1 f6 11.d3 0-0-0 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bg4 14.b4? Nf5 15.Ba3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nd4-+ Bishop-Stukalov, ICCF email 2017;
D) 5.0-0 White clear top choice. I am going to consider 3 most important White alternatives: 5...Qf6!? out of all good systems for Black I would like to suggest this move. Black has been doing extremely well in this variation, moreover, I was extremely impressed with positional masterpeice Najditsch-Svidler, where Peter showed some incredibly deep positional ideas.

D1) 6.d3 Ne7
D1a) 7.Bg5 Qd6
D1a1) 8.Na3 which has been occured in 2 games. I believe the most natural here f6N 9.Be3 or *(9.Nc4* which transpose to existing game *Qe6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.a4* Garcia Blanco-Brito Garcia, Candas 1992 Black should have played *g5N 12.b4 Ng6↑)* 9...Be6 10.Nc4 another line *(10.d4 Ng6 11.c3 0-0-0∓)* 10...Qd7 11.Qe2 Ng6 12.d4 this position has happened in 3 games *(12.h3 0-0-0 13.Rad1 Nf4! 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.e5* Kharchuk-Hardyn, LSS email 2014 a very preicse would be *Rg8!N 16.Rfe1 f5 17.Ng5 Be7 18.Nxe6*

Qxe6∓) 12...Bg4N 13.dxe5 Nh4! the point behind Black idea 14.Qd2 Bxf3 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.gxf3 Nxf3+ 17.Kg2 Nxe5 18.Nxe5+ fxe5∓;

D1a2) 8.Nbd2 I would like also to mention 8...Ng6

D1a21) 9.a4 a5 10.Nc4 Qe6 11.b3 Lu,S-Wang,H Tianjin 2018 Black could play f6N 12.Be3 b6 13.d4 exd4 14.Qxd4 in case of *(14.Nxd4?!* Black can play *Qxe4 15.Re1 Kf7* with advantage. *)* 14...Be7∓;

D1a22) 9.Nc4 I would like also to mention high-level game 9...Qe6 10.Bd2 White second choice here *(10.Qd2 f6 11.Be3 c5! 12.a4?!* Hyldkrog-Hector, Denmark 1998 Black should have played *b6!N 13.Qc3 Bb7∓)* 10...f6 11.b3 Be7 12.Ne3 Ellis-Raessler, ICCF email 2011 a minor improvement of Black play would be Qf7N 13.Nf5 Bf8 keeping bishop pair 14.d4 exd4 15.N3xd4 Bd7 16.Qh5 0-0-0∓;

D1b) 7.Nbd2 Ng6 8.Nc4 Bg4 9.h3 this is better than *(9.Ne3?! Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qxf3 11.gxf3 Nh4 12.Nc4 Nxf3+ 13.Kg2 Nh4+ 14.Kg3 Ng6∓* and Black was just pawn up in two games. *)* 9...Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qxf3 11.gxf3 Be7 12.Be3 c5 13.a3 0-0 14.Kh2? f5! 15.exf5 Rxf5 16.Nd2 Bd6 17.Ne4 McKerracher-Eames, London 2012 after accurate Nh4!N 18.b4 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxf3+ Black is pawn up.;

D1c) 7.Be3 two alternatives are: 7...Ng6 8.Nbd2 c5 9.c3 another line *(9.Re1 h6 10.c3 Bd6 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 0-0 13.d5?!* Shubenkova-Warmerdam, Chess.com 2023 Black could play *Qe7!N 14.Nc4 f5↑* seizing the initiaitve. *)* 9...Bd6 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 draw agreed in Arslanov,S-Ivanov,M Olomouc 2009;

D2) 6.Nc3?! which allows Bg4 with the following illustrative example 7.d3 Ne7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qxf3 10.gxf3 Ng6 11.Rd1 Bd6 12.Kf1 0-0 13.Ke2 f5↑ Sanna-Canibal, ICCF email 2011;

D3) 6.d4 I will consider 3 alternatives as well: 6...exd4 3 major moves for White here:

D3a) 7.Nxd4 Bd7

D3a1) 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.Nc3 two other examples: *(9.Qe2* played in 4 games. No reason to refrain from natural *c5N 10.Nf3 Qxb2 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Rfb1 Qc3 13.a4 Bc6∓; 9.Nd2* occured in 3 games. Once again *c5N* works great and I see no reason to delay it, for example *10.N4f3 Qe6 11.Re1 h6∓)* 9...Bc5!

10.Qd2 Bg4 11.f3 Rxd4! 12.Qf2 in the game Koronowski-Herzog, LSS email 2013 Black missed spectacular Bh3!N 13.gxh3 Rc4 14.Bxc5 Qg5+ the point of Black combination 15.Kh1 Qxc5 Black is better.;

D3a2) 8.c3 0-0-0 9.Nd2 c5 10.Nc2 Haznedaroglu-Sasikiran, Bursa 2010 Black could play g5!N 11.Nc4 Ne7 12.N2e3 Qe6 13.f3 f5∓;

D3a3) 8.e5?! Qg6 9.f4 I want also to mention *(9.e6 fxe6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.Qd4 c5 12.Qe3* Zakhartsov-Ponkratov, Sochi 2019 after *Ne7N 13.Ne5 Qxc2 14.Nxd7 Kxd7* White has not much to offer for being material down. *)* 9...Nh6

D3a31) 10.Qf3 Nf5 *(10...0-0-0* also great for Black *)* 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Nc3 Simonian-Demchenko, Alushta 2008 Black could solidify his advantage by means of h5N 14.h3 f6∓;

D3a32) 10.Qe2 another game here went 10...0-0-0 11.c3? c5 12.Nb3 Sydykov-Demchenko, Chess.com 2025 Black could already win material with Bf5N;

D3a4) 8.Nc3 other moves 8...0-0-0 9.Nb3 *(9.Be3 Bc5* see 8.î€§e3 *)* 9...Bb4 10.Bd2 Rice-Koffler, ICCF email 2007 here I prefer Nh6N 11.a3 Be7 12.Qe2 Rhe8∓;

D3b) 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 I will consider 3 moves here:

D3b1) 9.Nc3 0-0-0 10.Be3 Re8

D3b11) 11.Rfe1 Bb4 12.Bd2 5 games reached this position *(12.f3* allows Black to play *Bxc3 13.bxc3* two games here *b6N* very natural improvement *14.Kf2 c5 15.Ne2 Ne7∓)* 12...Bd6N 13.Rad1 f6 14.f3 Ne7∓;

D3b12) 11.f3 Ne7 12.Rfe1 Marik-Lalic, Tabor 2012 instead of aggressive 12...f5 Black should have settled for Ng6N 13.Kf2 f6∓;

D3b13) 11.Rad1 five games arrived to this position 11...Ne7 12.Rfe1 another move White has tried *(12.Nb3?! b6! 13.Rd2 c5 14.Rfd1 Bc6 15.f3 g6∓* Hellmann-Kuhn, ICCF email 2002 *)* 12...Ng6 with the following llustrative example 13.a3 Ne5 14.h3 Glauser-Shvidler, Zweisimmen 1993 f6N 15.Bc1 b6∓ and Black will enjoy his bishop pair in long run.;

D3b2) 9.Bf4 0-0-0 10.Nc3

Ne7 Black obviously doing great here. I decided to show one examplary line: 11.Rad1 Ng6 12.Bg3 h5 13.h3 another line *(13.f3 h4 14.Bf2 h3! 15.g4 Ne5 16.Be3* Petschar-Goessler, Graz 2017 Black could play *Re8N 17.Kf2 f6∓)* 13...h4 14.Bh2 Bb4 15.Nce2?! Rhe8 16.f3 Hamley-Svetushkin, Chess.com 2020 after accurate Ne5N 17.c3 Bd6∓ Black is clealry better.;

D3b3) 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.Nd2 *(10.Nc3* transposes to 9.î€¨c3 *)* 10...c5 11.Ne2 the main alternative *(11.N4f3 Re8 12.Rfe1 h6 13.e5?! b6 14.a4 a5∓* Lenk-Goldberg, Dresden 1982 *)* 11...Ne7 12.Rad1 obviously c5-pawn is untouchable *(12.Bxc5? Bb5-+)* 12...Nc6 13.a3 Bernei-Halasz, Aarhus 1990 *(13.Nf3 Re8 14.Nc3* two games reached this position. Black has a great opportunity to strike with *f5!N 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Rd2 b6∓* and the play opens up clealry in Black favor thanks to his bishop pair. *)* 13...h6N 14.Rfe1 g6∓;

D3c) 7.Bg5 Qd6 Now we will examine White three critical continuations:

D3c1) 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 preparing long castle

D3c11) 10.Nd2 Ne7 11.Rfd1 I would like also to mention *(11.N2b3?! b6!* White knight appears to be misplaced on b3 *12.Rfe1 f6 13.Bf4 0-0-0 14.a4 c5 15.Ne2 Nc6∓* Watson-Morton, San Francisco 2012 *)* 11...c5 12.Ne2 0-0-0 13.Nc3 Stratta-Molo, ICCF email 2013 here I like the following improvement b6N 14.Nc4 f6 15.Be3 Nc6 16.f3 h5∓;

D3c12) 10.Nc3 White main alternative 10...Ne7 there are over 40 games here, but the main line clearly 11.Rad1 0-0-0

D3c121) 12.h3 f6 13.Be3 Ng6 14.f4 Re8! 15.a3 Idani-Lobanov, Chess.com 2024 and here I would like to offer a subtle idea Rg8N 16.Nf3 Nh8! 17.Rd3 Nf7 18.Rfd1 Be6∓;

D3c122) 12.f3 f6 13.Be3 Ng6 14.Nde2 another line here *(14.Kf2 Ne5 15.b3 Re8 16.Nde2 Bb4 17.h3 Rhf8 18.g4 g6 19.Na4 b6 20.Nf4 f5∓* and slowly but surely the play opens up in favor of our bishop pair Szabo-Kahl, LSS email 2021 *)* 14...h5 15.b3 h4 gaining space on the kingside 16.Kf2

Zahariev-Tiglon, Chess.com 2021 Black could play Bb4N 17.Na4 b6 18.c4 Be7∓;

D3c123) 12.Rd2

The alternative lines: 12...f6

D3c1231) 13.Be3 Ng6 14.Rfd1 Bb4 15.Nde2 Ne5 16.Bf4 *(16.b3* occured in Vysochin-Fedorchuk, Warsaw 2008 Black could play *g5N 17.h3 h5* with better chances. *)* 16...Nc4 17.Rd4 Priasmoro-Maiorov, Chess.com 2021 Black certainly should have played b5N 18.b3 Ne5!∓ △19.Rxb4? c5-+;

D3c1232) 13.Rfd1! this is more challenging than 13...Re8 14.Bf4 Ng6 15.Bg3 Michalczak-Henrichs, Germany 2010 Black could play Bb4N 16.Nde2 Rd8 17.a3 Be7 18.h3 Rhe8∓;

D3c2) 8.e5 Qg6 9.Qxd4 Be7 I will consider 3 White main moves

D3c21) 10.Qe3 Black can accept the challenge Qxc2 there is only one game here 11.Nc3 Qg6 12.Rad1 Bxg5 13.Nxg5 Ne7 14.Rd2 h6 15.Nge4 0-0∓ and it doesn't look like White has fully sufficient compensation Salonen-Fagerstrom, ICCF email 2015;

D3c22) 10.Bf4 Nh6 11.Nc3 Fawzy-Zhukova, Chess.com 2020 *(11.Bxh6 Qxh6 12.Nc3* as happened in Mueller-Piccardo, Imperia 1988 Black could play *Bf5N 13.Rac1 0-0 14.Rfe1 Rfd8* Black is better. *)* 11...Bg4!N 12.Qe4 0-0-0 13.Qxg6 fxg6! Black is better.;

D3c23) 10.Bxe7 Nxe7

D3c231) 11.c4? Black has a threat Bh3! 12.Ne1 or *(12.Nh4 Qg5 13.Qe4 0-0-0 14.Nc3 Nf5 15.Nxf5 Bxf5 16.Qf3 Bd3 17.Rfe1 Bxc4-+* Haitin-Tikkanen, Pardubice 2009 *)* 12...Rd8 13.Qc3 Gdanski-Amin, Sweden 2023 after precise Be6N 14.Nd2 0-0 15.f4 c5 16.b3 Rd7∓ Black is clearly better.;

D3c232) 11.Nc3 White top choice. I would like also to mention 11...Be6!? I prefer this to forced *(11...Qxc2)* 12.Rad1 White has also tried *(12.Qb4 b6 13.Rad1*

Qxc2 14.Qa3 c5 15.Rd2 Qg6 16.Nb5! Rc8 17.Na7 Rb8 18.Qa4+ b5 19.Qxa6 Bc4 20.Qxg6 hxg6 21.Rfd1 c6∓
Vera Cruz-Landes, ICCF email 2016 *)*
12...0-0N 13.Rd3 b6 14.Ne2 c5 15.Qh4 Rae8 16.Nf4 Qf5 17.Nxe6 fxe6∞;

D3c3) 8.Nxd4 Be7
A bit surprising approach, usually Black tries to keep bishop pair in Exchange variation of Ruy Lopez and therefore for a long time 8... î€§d7 considered to be a main choice for Black. It appears that preparing long castle quickly is more important, and actually recently in high-level games White has been avoiding bishop's trade. Now there are two main moves for White:

D3c31) 9.Bxe7 Nxe7

D3c311) 10.Nb3 Be6
11.Nc3 obviously Black is not worried about *(11.Qxd6 cxd6 12.Nd4* Roeckendorf-Reichgeld, GER email 2015 Black could play *Bd7N 13.Rd1 0-0-0 14.Nc3 Kc7 15.f3 f5* and I prefer Black position. *)* 11...0-0-0 12.Qe2 Ng6
I prefer this a bit more than Magnus approach *(12...Kb8 13.Rad1 Qf4∞* Naiditsch-Carlsen, Dortmund 2007 *)* 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Qe3 Kb8 15.f4
two games arrived to this position. A minor improvement here Rxd1N 16.Rxd1 Re8∓ later in this file we will see more examples of Black preference to trade one pair of rooks. After the trade, its more challenging for White to defend his central pawns.;

D3c312) 10.Ne2 Be6 11.Qxd6 cxd6
once again we shouldn't worry about this trade, now Black has no problems with his pawnstructure on the queenside 12.Nbc3
another line *(12.Rd1 0-0-0 13.Nbc3 Kc7 14.Nf4* Erzhanov-Hebden, Hastings 2014 Black definitely need to keep the bishop *Bc8!N*
with approximate line *15.Rd2 h5∓ 16.h4 f6∓)* 12...0-0-0 13.f3 Kc7 14.a4 d5 15.Nf4 d4 16.Nce2
Dzugan-Brock, ICCF email 2019 Black could play Bc4N 17.Rfd1 *(⩲17.b3?! Bxe2 18.Nxe2 d3!↑)* 17...g5 18.b3 Bxe2 19.Nxe2

c5∓;
D3c313) 10.Nc3
two alternatives I will examine 10...Bd7 here I will examine 4 main continuations for White
D3c3131) 11.Nde2
0-0-0
D3c31311)
12.Qxd6 cxd6
two illustrative lines here: 13.Rad1 and *(13.f3 Kc7 14.Nf4* Schlenther-Szczepanski, LSS email 2011 a nice improvement here *h5!N* White was about to play 15.g4 *15.h4 f6 16.Nd3 a5 17.Kf2 b5∓* Black gained some space. *)* 13...Kc7
14.f3
other examples: *(14.Rfe1*
2 games here. A natural improvement here *b5N* gaining space *15.Nd4 g5 16.f3 b4 17.Nce2 c5 18.Nb3 Nc6∓* Black has initiaitve.*; 14.Rd2 b5 15.Nf4* Gaponenko-Kosteniuk, Almaty 2022 it looks Black is ready for *f5N 16.Re1 Rhe8∓)*
14...b5 15.Rd2
Marwitz-Wessel, freechess.de 2015 once agan I like f5N 16.Nd4 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nd5∓;
D3c31312) 12.Qc1
once again the trade is not a problem at all
12...Ng6 13.Qe3 Kb8 important to pay attention to White's threat and cover a7-square. Analyzing above mentioned Svidler masterpiece I came to realization that despite losing bishop pair Black is already slightly better, whch has been proven on practice. 14.Rad1
in case of *(14.f4 Qe7 15.Rad1* we transpose back to 14.î€¦ad1 *)*
14...Qe7
D3c313121)
15.Rd2 Ne5 16.b3 Bc8 17.Rfd1
in the game Black seized the initiaitve with thematic play
D3c3131211)
17...Rde8!N 18.f4 or *(18.h3 g5↑)*
18...Ng4 19.Qf3 f5 20.e5 g5 21.h3 Nh6↑;
D3c3131212)
17...Rxd2

surprsingly even stronger 18.Rxd2 f6 19.f3 h5 20.Rd1?! g5↑ Radjabov-Adams, Baku 2008;
D3c313122) 15.f4 another line I would like to mention 15...Bc8 16.Nc1 another model example here *(16.a3 Rhe8 17.Rxd8 Rxd8 18.Rd1 Re8!* Black is not interested to trade both rooks *19.h3 Nf8 20.Nd4 f6 21.Kf2?! g5! 22.Nf3 gxf4 23.Qxf4 Ng6 24.Qd2 Rg8∓* Tarigan-Rasulov, Tashkent 2024 *)* 16...Rxd1 17.Rxd1 b6 18.Nd3 a5! 19.Re1 Ba6 20.Nf2 Re8 and Black took over in Naiditsch-Svidler, Karlsruhe/ Baden Baden 2019;
D3c3132) 11.Nf3 0-0-0 12.Qe2 hardly a good idea for White *(12.Qd4?! Qxd4 13.Nxd4 c5 14.Nde2 Nc6 15.Nd5?! f5!∓* Khruschiov-Petrov, Anapa 2022 *)* 12...Ng6 13.Qe3 Kb8 14.Rad1 Yakubbaeva-Kairbekova, Delhi 2022 after accurate Qe7N 15.h3 Bc8∓ Black is slightly better.;
D3c3133) 11.Qd2 c5 12.Nb3 Qxd2 13.Nxd2 0-0-0 14.Rad1
2 games arrived to this positiion *(14.Nc4 Be6 15.Ne3* Womacka-Esipenko, Chess.com 2020 Black could play *f5N 16.f4 Rd4 17.Rae1 Rhd8* with fighting endgame. *)* 14...Nc6 15.Nc4 Lerch-Stern, Berlin 2013 once again I like f5N 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ne3 Bg6 and White has to be very careful.;
D3c3134) 11.Nb3 0-0-0
We will consider 5 moves for White:
D3c31341) 12.Qe2 Ng6
D3c313411) 13.Rad1
other lines: Qe7 14.Qe3 *(14.f4 Kb8* see 13.f4 *)* 14...Kb8
now White best move is 15.f4 ,

which will take us back to 13.î€¥e3 move order. Let's examine two alternatives: 15.Nc5 and *(15.Qc5* in 3 games. A significant improvement here *Qf6!N* avoiding queens trade with approximate line *16.Nc1 Bc8 17.N1e2 b6 18.Qe3 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Ne5 20.b3 g5!∓)* 15...Bc8 **D3c3134111)** 16.Rxd8 Rxd8 17.Rd1 in case of *(17.Nd3* Kupsys-Palciauskas, ICCF email 2009 I don't see the reason to refrain from natural *b6N 18.a3 a5∓* activating light-squared bishop with better game. *)* 17...Re8 we need to keep one pair of rooks! 18.Nd3 Pavlov-Tekeyev, Sochi 2024 and once again Black could play b6N 19.h3 a5 20.a3 Ba6∓; **D3c3134112)** 16.Nd3 2 games in this position 16...b6N 17.Rfe1 Rhe8 and now we have an existing game 18.b4 Gurel-Kollars, Chess.com 2023 Black could play f5!N with approximate variation 19.exf5 Qf8 20.Qf3 Nh4 21.Qf4 *(21.Qxc6? Bb7∓)* 21...Nxf5 22.Ne4 Qg8!∓; **D3c313412)** 13.f4 Kb8 14.Qf2 another game here *(14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Qh5 Bc8 16.g3* two games arrived to this position. A nice improvement here *Rxd1!N 17.Rxd1 Nf8 18.Qc5 Qe8∓* with better chances for Black. *)* 14...Bc8 15.a4 Can-Drygalov, Moscow 2020 Black should have played Be6!N 16.e5 Qb4 17.Qc5 Qxc5+ 18.Nxc5 Bf5 19.N5e4 a5∓; **D3c313413)** 13.Qe3 Kb8 14.Rad1 after *(14.Nc5?! Bc8 15.Rad1* Solak-Eljanov,

Heraklion 2017 Black should have played *Qe7N* transposing to 13. î€¦ad1 *)* 14...Qe7 a good model game here 15.f4 b6 16.Rd3 Bc8 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Rfd1 c5 19.Nf5 Rxd3 20.Qxd3 Qf6 21.g3 Ne7 22.Nxe7 Qxe7 23.Qd7 Qf6! with complicated, objectively balanced game Mezera-Smith, ICCF email 2023;
D3c31342) 12.Qh5 Ng6 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.f4 another game saw *(14.Qc5 b6!* we have to trade, since 15.î€¥a7 cannot be allowed *15.Qxe7 Nxe7 16.f3 c5 17.Kf2* Vachier Lagrave-Tkachiev, Aix les Bains 2007 Black should have played *f5!N 18.Rfe1 Nc6 19.h4 a5∓)* 14...b6N 15.h3 Kb7 16.Nd4 f6∞;
D3c31343) 12.Qxd6 cxd6 is not a problem for Black 13.Rad1 Kc7 14.Rd2 Ng6 15.f4 Nayem-Mehdi, Dhaka 2024 after b5N 16.a3 Rhe8∓ Black is slomewhat better.;
D3c31344) 12.f4 two games reached this position. I like natural Ng6N
D3c313441) 13.Qd4 Qxd4+ 14.Nxd4 Rhe8 15.Rad1 c5 16.Nf5 this is better than *(16.Nf3 b5∓)* 16...Bxf5 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.exf5 Ne7 19.g4 Nd5;
D3c313442) 13.Qf3 or 13...Kb8 14.Rad1 Qe7 with complex play, where I prefer Black.;
D3c31345) 12.Qf3
D3c313451) 12...Qg6 13.Nc5 Kb8 14.a4!? *(14.Nxd7+N Rxd7 15.Rfd1 Rhd8)* 14...Bc8 15.a5 Qg5 16.Nd3 f5 17.Rfe1 Rhg8 18.e5 Ng6 19.Qg3 Qe7∞ Lunek-David Bordier, ICCF email 2021;
D3c313452) 12...Ng6!? there is nothing wrong with 13.Qxf7 both *(13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Qe3* and*;*

13.Qe3 Kb8 covered above through different move orders *)* 13...Nf4 14.Rad1 Qe5 *(14...Qh6* deserves attention *)* 15.Qc4 in case of *(15.f3 Be6 16.Qe7 b6!⩱* Black has nice positional compensation. *)* 15...Qh5 16.f3 Bh3! 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.gxh3 Qg5+ 19.Kf2 Qh4+ 20.Kg1 Qg5+ Caron-Haugen, ICCF email 2021;

D3c32) 9.Be3 as I mentioned above the text is more popular than 9...Nf6 10.f3 White hardly has any reasonable alternatives *(10.Nc3? Ng4! 11.g3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Qe5 13.Nf5 Bc5 14.Qf3 0-0∓* Zavgorodniy,S-Le,T Chess.com 2023 *)* 10...c5

D3c321) 11.Nb3 b6 12.Nc3 two alternative lines: *(12.Qe2* occured in 2 games. Instead of short castle I prefer to go for long castle *Bb7N 13.Nc3 0-0-0 14.a4 a5!∓; 12.N1d2?! Bb7 13.a4 a5 14.Nc4 Qe6 15.Na3 Nd7! 16.Nb5 0-0-0 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Qe1* Ibarra Jerez-Hrbek, Chess.com 2024 after precise *Bf6N 19.Nd2 g5 20.Bg3 h5* Black has large advantage. *)* 12...Bb7 13.a4 *(13.Qxd6N cxd6 14.a4 0-0-0∓)* 13...0-0-0 14.a5 b5 15.Qe1?! Rott-Van Beek, Germany 2024 Black should have played Nd7N 16.Rd1 Qe5∓;

D3c322) 11.Ne2 another line 11...Be6

D3c3221) 12.b3 0-0-0 13.Qxd6 Bxd6 14.Nbc3 another line *(14.Nd2* Can-Nagy, Budapest 2024 here I would suggest *Nd7N* the same plan as after 14.î€¨bc3 *15.Nf4 Bxf4 16.Bxf4 Nb8! 17.Rfe1 Nc6 18.Nf1 b6 19.Ne3 a5)* 14...Nd7 15.Rad1 f6 16.Nd5 McShane-Kollars, Germany 2024 *(16.h4 h5 17.Kf2 Ne5 18.Nd5 Bf7 19.Ng3 Rhe8 20.Rd2* Moussard-Caruana, Chess.com 2023 Black could play *Bf8 21.Rfd1 b5* and Black has no problems

whatsoever*; 16.Kf2 Ne5 17.h4 b5 18.Nf4 Bf7 19.h5* Frotscher-Traut, ICCF email 2020 Black could play *Rhe8N 20.g4 c4⇄* with double-edged play. *)* 16...Rhe8N 17.Kf2 Ne5 18.Ndf4 Bf7 19.g4 c4⇄ I preferr Black position with bishop pair.;

D3c3222) 12.Nd2 0-0-0 13.Nf4 Nd7 we can safely calim this move being thematic in this variation 14.Qe2 g5 15.Nxe6 Qxe6 16.Nb3 Shankland-Keymer, Biel 2024 a nice improvement here Rhe8N 17.Rad1 f5 with two examplary lines 18.exf5 *(18.Rfe1 fxe4 19.Bf2 Bd6 20.fxe4 h5 21.Rd5 Qg6∓)* 18...Qxf5 19.Rfe1 Bd6∓;

D3c3223) 12.Qxd6 here I prefer natural

D3c32231) 12...Bxd6 as happened in Boyer-Matlakov, Chess.com 2023 might run into 13.Nf4N *(13.Bf4!? Bxf4 14.Nxf4±)* 13...Bd7 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15.a4±;

D3c32232) 12...cxd6N since 13.Nbc3 0-0-0 see 12.î€¨bc3 move order;

D3c3224) 12.Nf4 0-0-0

D3c32241) 13.Qxd6 cxd6 14.Nc3 d5 Black fully equalized 15.exd5 another line *(15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bf4?!* Wu-Gong, Qingdao 2024 Black could play *b5N 17.Be5 Rhe8∓* with better endgame for Black. *)* 15...Nxd5 16.Nxe6 or *(16.Nfxd5 Bxd5 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.Rad1 Rhd8 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Kf2 c4 21.b3* Philippe-Degraeve, Allauch 2024 the position is definitely equal, but it feels like Black can push a bit with *Kd7N 22.Ke2 Kc6)* 16...fxe6 17.Nd1 Nxe3 *(17...Rhf8!?)* 18.Nxe3 Rd2 with nice model game here 19.Rf2 Rhd8 20.Re1 b5

21.Kf1 Rxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Bf6 23.b3 Rd2+ 24.Re2 Rd6 Bernal Varela-Larwinski, FICGS email 2023;

D3c32242) 13.Qe2 another line

13...Qe5

White can force draw repetition, thereofre I want to mention an alternative move

(13...Rhe8N with approximate line *14.Nc3 Qc6 15.Rad1 h6 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Bf2 Bd6 19.Rd1 g5∞)*

D3c322421) 14.Nd3 Qh5 15.Nc3 Beveridge-Cole, ICCF email 2017 *(15.Nf4 Qe5 16.Nd3* forcing repetition *)*

15...Bd6!?N

I checked two lines here 16.g4 and

(16.Nf4 Qe5 17.g3 Nd7 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.f4 h5∞)

16...Qh4 17.Nxc5 *(17.e5 c4 18.exd6 cxd3 19.cxd3 Rxd6)* 17...h5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.g5 Bf4! 20.gxf6 White cannot play *(20.Bxf4? Qxf4 ⩲21.gxf6 Rd2-+)* 20...Qg5+ 21.Kf2 *(21.Kh1? Bxe3 22.fxg7 Rhg8∓)* 21...Qh4+;

D3c322422) 14.Nxe6 another line here

14...Qxe6 15.Nd2 Leben-Boino, ICCF email 2017 Black should have played Rhe8N 16.b3 Nd7∓;

D3c3225) 12.Nbc3 White other choices:

12...0-0-0

D3c32251) 13.Nf4 Qb6 14.Qc1 Bauer-Pechac, Austria 2022 my recommendation here h6N 15.Bf2 g5 16.Nxe6 *(16.Nd3 Qc6∓)* 16...fxe6 17.b3 Nd7∓;

D3c32252) 13.Qxd6 cxd6 14.Bg5?! White should settle for *(14.Nf4* see 12.î€¨f4 line *)* 14...h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Rad1 Boyer-Han, Southend 2023 here a very nice positional idea Be5!?N 17.f4 Bf6 18.a4 Rhe8∓;

D3c32253) 13.Qe1

other moves: 13...Qc6 14.Nf4 after *(14.b3 Rhg8 15.Rd1* transpose to 14.î€¨f4 line *)* 14...Bc4 15.Nfe2 *(15.Rf2 g5↑)* 15...Rhg8 16.b3 Be6 17.Nf4 another line *(17.Rd1 Rxd1 18.Qxd1 g5 19.Kh1* Pavoni-Rau, ICCF email 2012 a nice improvement here *b5N 20.a3 Bd6* and Black seizing the initiaitve. *)* 17...g5 18.Nxe6 Milde-Herzog, LSS email 2017 the best recapture in my opinion fxe6N 19.Rd1 Nd7 20.Kh1 Bf6∓ Black position looks more promising.]

4...b5 5.Bb3 Na5 Is it really possible to play like this and avoid strategically complicated Ruy Lopez? It seems so.

6.0-0 White clear first choice. We will examine also 6 most popular alternatives:

[6.Nc3 d6

A) 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d4 *(8.d3 Be7* transpose to 6.î€¨c3 d6 7.d3 variation *)* 8...exd4 9.Nd5 obviously bad *(9.Nxd4? c5 10.Ndxb5 axb5 11.Nxb5 Nxb3-+* Basta-Lehovcova, Czech Republic 1999 *)* 9...Nxb3 10.axb3 c5 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Nxe7 Qxe7

A1) 13.b4!N here I analyzed the following line h6 14.Bh4 Qe6 15.Re1 in case of *(15.e5 dxe5 16.Re1 Nd7* we transpose to main line *)* 15...Nd7 16.e5! dxe5 17.Nxe5 another line *(17.bxc5 0-0 18.Nxd4 Qc4 19.Nf5 Nxc5 20.b3 Qe6 21.Be7 Re8 22.Nxg7! Kxg7 23.Bxc5 Bb7 24.Re3 Kh7)* 17...Nxe5 18.Qh5 0-0 19.Rxe5 Qc4 20.Be7 Re8 21.Bxc5 Bb7 22.Rae1 Rxe5 23.Qxe5 Qxc2 24.Bxd4 Qg6;

A2) 13.e5? White should have played 13...dxe5 14.Re1 Bashirli-Sjugirov, Chess.com 2022 Black missed powerful Bg4!N 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Qxe5 Qxe5 17.Nxe5 Bf5∓;

B) 7.d3 Nf6

B1) 8.0-0 Be7 we have almost 300 games here, but I would like to mention only two critical variations

B1a) 9.Ne2 0-0 10.Ng3 c5 11.c3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Re8 13.Re1 h6 14.d4 Nepomniachtchi-Artemiev, Shusha 2024 Black should have played exd4N 15.cxd4 d5! 16.e5 Ne4 17.dxc5 or *(17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Be6 19.Re1 c4!⩱* Black has very promising game. *)* 17...Bxc5 18.Be3 Bb4 19.Re2 Bg4∓;

B1b) 9.h3 and 9...0-0 one examplary line here 10.Be3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bb7 12.Ne2 now Black has nice resource Nh5! with idea to induce

B1b1) 13.Nh2 happened in

the game Safar-Skocibusic, Split 2013 Black missed the best d5N with 2 variations 14.d4 and *(14.Nc3 Nf6 15.Bg5 dxe4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.dxe4 Be7∓)* 14...c5! 15.dxe5 d4 16.Bc1 Qc7 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Qxh5 Qxc2 19.Nf3 Qxe4 20.Re1 Qd5∓;

B1b2) 13.g4 Nf6

B1b21) 14.c4N doesn't stop d5!

B1b211) 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxe5 *(16.exd5 Qxd5∓* Black will regain piece with clear edge. *)* 16...Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bc5 18.d4 Bd6∓;

B1b212) 15.Ng3 dxe4 16.Nxe5 exd3 17.Nxd3 Qd7∓;

B1b213) 15.Nxe5 other moves 15...dxe4 16.d4 Re8 17.Ng3 h6∓;

B1b22) 14.Ng3 occured in 2 games 14...d5N 15.Nxe5 dxe4 16.c4! trasnsposes to 15. î€¨g3;

B2) 8.Bg5 another line 8...c6!? 9.0-0 Be7 with critical line being 10.Ne2 h6 11.Bd2 Nxb3 *(11...0-0!?)* 12.axb3 0-0 13.Ng3 Re8 14.d4 Guliyev-Navara, Warsaw 2005 after accurate Bf8N 15.Ba5 Qe7 Black has no problems.;

C) 7.d4 obviously White has other moves: 7...exd4

C1) 8.Nxd4N obviously in view of c5 but here I discovered interesting resource for White 9.Bxf7+! Kxf7 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qd5+ Ke8 12.Qxa8 cxd4 13.Nd5 Bb7 14.Qa7! *(14.Qxd8+? Kxd8* clearly better for Black *)* 14...Bxd5 15.Qxd4 Bxe4 and now two lines: 16.0-0 and *(16.Qxh8?! Bxg2 17.Rg1 Qe7+ 18.Be3 Bd5 19.Qc3 Nc4 20.0-0-0 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Bb7∓* Black is better with 3 pieces vs two rooks. *)* 16...Nf6 17.Bg5 Bg7 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qxe4+ Kd7 20.a4 Nc6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Qd5 Rc8 23.Rfd1 b4 with complex, but objectively balanced position.;

C2) 8.Qxd4 White has never tried 8...Ne7 9.Qd3 White best choice. Other moves: *(9.Qe3* Skold-Ekenberg, Stockholm 1967 Black could play *Nxb3N 10.axb3 Bb7* with approximate line *11.0-0 Qd7 12.Bd2 Ng6 13.Nd5 Be7 14.c4 0-0∞; 9.Bg5?!* allows *c5 10.Qe3 c4 11.0-0-0 cxb3 12.axb3 Be6 13.Nd4* Blomqvist,E-Mikhalevski, V Durres 2023 Black has to be precise here *h6N* with following illustrative line *14.Bh4 Qb6 15.Qe2 h5!* preventing î€¥h5 move everywhere *16.Kb1 Ng6 17.Bg5 Nc6 18.Nf5 f6 19.Be3 Qc7∓; 9.0-0?* loses to *c5 10.Qe3 c4 11.Rd1* Mostowik-Suwara, corr LSS 2022 Black should have played *cxb3N 12.axb3 b4! 13.Nd5 Nac6∓)* 9...Bb7

C2a) 10.Bd5!?N c6 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.h4! looks like the most challenging idea h6

with examplary line 13.Ne2 this is more challenging than *(13.h5 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qg3 Qf6)* 13...Nxb3 14.axb3 Ne5 15.Qc3 another line *(15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Qc3 Qd6 17.Ng3 Bc8 18.Bd2 a5)* 15...Qf6 16.Bf4 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qxb2 18.0-0 Qf6 19.Qe3 c5! 20.e5 Qe6 21.exd6 Qxe3 22.fxe3 0-0-0 23.Rad1 Kd7! with complex endgame.;

C2b) 10.Be3N Nxb3 11.axb3 Qd7 12.0-0-0 b4 13.Nd5 *(13.Na4 Qb5!∞)* 13...a5⇄ with exciting double-edged position.;

C2c) 10.0-0 I would like also to mention new and dangerous move 10...Ng6 the only game here saw

C2c1) 11.h4N Nxb3 too dangerous *(11...Nxh4 12.Nxh4 Qxh4 13.Nd5↑)* 12.axb3 h5! 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 *(15.hxg5?! 0-0∓)* 15...Qd7 16.f4 Bxd5 two recaptures possible: 17.Qxd5 *(17.exd5 0-0 18.Rae1 Qg4 19.Re7 Rae8! 20.Re6 Rc8)* 17...0-0 18.Qd1 *(18.Rad1 Rae8* no problems for Black *)* 18...Qg4 19.Qxg4 hxg4 20.h5 Ne7 21.Kh2 d5! 22.Rae1 dxe4 23.Nxe4 Rfe8 24.Kg3 a5! 25.f5 Nd5;

C2c2) 11.a4N Nxb3 12.cxb3 bxa4 13.Rxa4 another line *(13.Qd4!? Qd7 14.Nd5 c5 15.Qc3 Bxd5 16.exd5 f6! 17.Rxa4 Be7* Black should be fine. *)* 13...Be7 14.Nd5 0-0 and we transposed to exisiting game 15.Nd4 Re8 16.Nf5 Vachier Lagrave-Pichot, New York 2024 a logical improvement here Bf6N 17.Rd1 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qd7;

C2c3) 11.Nd5N Be7 12.a4 0-0 13.Ba2 or *(13.axb5 axb5 14.Qxb5 Ba6* with forced sequence *15.Nxe7+ Nxe7 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Qxa5 Bb7* and now White escapes with *18.Qh5 Rxa1 19.Ng5 Rf6 20.Qxh7+ Kf8 21.Qh8+ Ng8 22.Nh7+ Kf7 23.Ng5+ Kf8)* 13...Bxd5 14.Qxd5 another recapture *(14.exd5 Bf6 15.axb5 axb5 16.Qxb5 Qb8⩱)* 14...c6 15.Qd1 Bf6 16.c3 Re8 17.Bb1 d5! 18.exd5 Qxd5;

C2c4) 11.Be3 I checked 3 new moves for White 11...Be7 12.Bd5?! c6 13.b4? *(13.Bb3 0-0∓)* 13...cxd5 14.bxa5 dxe4 15.Nxe4 0-0 16.Bb6 Qc8∓ Baches Garcia-Narciso Dublan, Benasque 1996]

[6.d4 exd4

A) 7.Nxd4 Bb7

A1) 8.0-0 c5 9.Nf5 c4 four GM's arrived to this position with White, so I assume White has some resources

A1a) 10.Bf4 played by MVL in

Vachier Lagrave-Firouzja, Paris 2021 the most convincing responce for Black would be g6!N 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Qxd6 *(12.Bxd6 Ne7∓)* 12...f6! 13.Nc3 cxb3 14.axb3 Bc6! Black has to resolve the problem with a5-knight. Black is able to consolidate with material advantage. One critical line 15.e5 Nb7 16.Qd4 Ne7 17.exf6 Nf5 18.Rae1+ Kf7 19.Qd2 Nc5∓;

A1b) 10.e5 Qb6 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.exd6 Nf6 13.Re1+ Kf8-+ Subelj-Karamsetty, Stockholm 2023;

A1c) 10.Nc3 cxb3 11.axb3 Nc6 12.Nd5 looks a bit scary, but Black keeps everything under control by means of g6! 13.Re1 in the game Safarli-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 Black should have played brave gxf5!N 14.exf5+ Nce7 15.f6 Bxd5 16.fxe7 Nxe7 17.Qxd5 Rg8! 18.Bg5 Rg6-+ and Black should convert his material advantage.;

A2) 8.c3?! Nxb3 9.axb3 once White tried *(9.Nxb3* Godzwon-Nesterov, Chess.com 2023 a very nice novelty here *Qh4!N 10.0-0 Bd6 11.g3 Qh3 12.Qe2 Nf6 13.f3 0-0 14.Be3 Rae8↑* with promising position for Black. *)* 9...d5! 10.e5 c5 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Na3 Wittmann-Corgnati, Graz 1972 Black could play Nf5N 13.0-0 d4∓;

A3) 8.a4 looks like the most challenging continuation in this position. Two alternative lines:

8...c5 9.Nf5 g6 10.Nd6+ Bxd6 11.Qxd6 Qe7 12.Bf4 g5! excellent move 13.Qxe7+ in case of *(13.Bg3 Nxb3 14.cxb3 f5!⇄* with double-edged play *)* 13...Nxe7 14.Bd6 *(⩲14.Bxg5 Rg8 15.Bxe7 Nxb3 16.cxb3 Kxe7 17.0-0 f5!)* 14...c4 15.Ba2 Bxe4 16.Nc3 Aronian-Sadhwani, Kolkata 2021 Black should have played Bxg2N 17.Rg1 Bc6 18.Bb4 Nb7 19.Rxg5 h6 20.Rh5 Rg8 21.0-0-0 Bf3 22.Re5 the only saving idea for White d6 23.Bxd6 Nxd6 24.Rxd6 Rg1+ 25.Kd2 b4 26.Bxc4!? *(26.Ne4 Rc8∓)* 26...bxc3+ 27.Kxc3≌ Rg5!∓ I like here Black position, but objectively the game is balanced.;

B) 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Qxd4 White other moves: *(8.Re1 Nxb3 9.axb3* Moeller-Schirmer, DESC email 2004 Black could play *Bc5N* with approximate line *10.Nxd4 Qf6 11.Be3 Ne7 12.c3 0-0 13.Nd2 Bb6; 8.c3?! Nxb3 9.axb3 dxc3 10.Nxc3* Gabrielian-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 after precise *Bc5N 11.Qc2 Bb6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne7* Black is better *)* 8...Nxb3 9.axb3 Ne7!

B1) 10.Bg5 5 games arrived to this position. I would like to suggest a new move here h6N

B1a) 11.Bh4 d5 12.exd5 *(12.e5? Nf5 13.Bxd8 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Rxd8∓)* 12...Qxd5 13.Qxd5 Bxd5 14.Nc3 Bxf3! 15.gxf3 Nf5 16.Bg3 or *(16.Nxb5 Rc8 17.Na7 Ra8 18.Nb5 Rc8)* 16...c6

I would push for Black from this position thanks to better pawnstructure.;

B1b) 11.Bxe7 another variation 11...Qxe7 12.Nc3 Qc5! with approximate line 13.Qd3 Be7 certainly Black can play *(13...Qd6 14.Qe3 Qc5)* 14.Nd5 0-0 15.b4 Qd6 16.c3 Rfe8∞ with balanced play.;

B2) 10.Nc3 the main alternative 10...Nc6 11.Qe3 two other queen moves: *(11.Qd5 Be7* nice model game here *12.Bf4 0-0 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Qd2 Bxf4 16.Qxf4 Re8* Gudok-Varas, LSS email 2013*; 11.Qd1* Gullaksen-Johannessen, Skei 1995 here I would recommend *Bc5N 12.Nd5 0-0* with approximate line *13.Re1 h6 14.Be3 d6 15.Bxc5 dxc5)* 11...Bd6!? it looks more interesting to compare with 11... î€§e7 12.Rd1 critical *(12.e5N Be7 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Qe4 Qc8 15.Nd5 Re8 16.Bg5 Bf8∞)* 12...0-0 13.Nd4? Steger,L-Mikhalevski,V Teplice 2024 Black could take advantage of White mistake by means of Nxd4N 14.Qxd4 Qh4! 15.h3 Rae8 16.Be3 Qh5→ and Black initiaitve plays itself.;

C) 7.Qxd4 other options for White: 7...Bb7

C1) 8.0-0 transposes to 7.0-0;

C2) 8.Bg5?! f6 9.Bd2 usually White rely on *(9.Bxg8* move, which is refuted by *fxg5! 10.Bd5 c6 11.Bb3 c5 12.Qe5+ Qe7 13.Bd5 Qxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Bd6! 16.Nf3 g4 17.Nfd2 0-0∓* and Black was much better in Ulybin,M-Moiseenko,V Sochi 2019 *)* 9...c5 10.Qc3 Kovchan-Souleidis, Dresden 2018 Black could play Nxb3N 11.axb3 Bxe4 12.Qe3 Qe7 13.0-0 Bc6∓;

C3) 8.Nc3 White other choices 8...Ne7! important to remember this move, since *(8...d6?! 9.Bg5!* looks problematic for Black, even though Magnus played this position for Black. *)* 9.0-0 Black comfortably equalized after *(9.Be3 Nxb3 10.axb3 Nc6 11.Qd2 Bb4 12.0-0 0-0* Bielczyk-Nikcevic, Cappelle la Grande 1996 *)* 9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Nc6 and this position is ocvered via 7. 0-0 move order.]

[6.Bxf7+!? Kxf7 7.Nxe5+ here I decided to go for Ke6!? Black main move *(7...Ke7)*

A) 8.Qg4+?! Ke7 now it's much better version for Black

A1) 9.Qg5+ Bandeira-Franca, Cuiaba 2014 for some reason Black didn't play Nf6N with approximate line 10.d4 d6 and now we have one game 11.Nd3 h6 12.Qh4 Kf7 13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe5+ *(14.dxe5* strongly met with *Qd5 15.0-0 Bb7-+)* 14...Kg8-+ Andreassen-Tolk, Vadso 1994;

A2) 9.Qh4+ another game here saw 9...Nf6 10.Ng6+ hxg6 11.Qxh8 Kf7 12.Qh4 Trujillo Delgado-Ayala Trujillo, Tenerife 2001 Black should have played Nc6N 13.0-0 Nd4!

14.Nc3 Bd6 15.d3 Bb7-+;
B) 8.Qh5? as happened in Garcia Sanchez-Pascual Gonzalez, Barcelona 2024 is really bad . After accurate Nf6!N 9.Qf7+ *(9.Qf5+ Ke7-+)* 9...Kxe5! 10.d4+ Kd6 11.e5+ Kc6-+ Black is winning.;
C) 8.d4 other moves: 8...Nf6 Black has a horrible score, but with precise play I believe Black is doing more than fine
C1) 9.Nc3N Bb7 10.0-0 d6 11.d5+ *(11.Nd3 Kf7∓)* 11...Ke7 12.Nf3 Kf7 with rich position to investigate, White has to prove his compensation.;
C2) 9.Bg5 d6 10.Nd3 Groenegress-Fleiter, Rheda 1956 Black play can be improve with natural h6N 11.Bxf6 another line *(11.Bh4 g5! 12.Bg3 Kf7* now we transposed to 2 games *13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nd5! 15.Nc3* Schnitzer-Ernst, Kiel 2015 Black should have played *Kg7N 16.Ne4 Nc6 17.0-0 Bf5 18.Re1 Be7-+)* 11...Kxf6! 12.a4 the most challenging *(12.0-0 Kg6! 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 Nc6 15.Nc3 Kh7∓)* 12...Bd7 *(12...b4!?* might be an interesting an alternative *)* 13.axb5 axb5 14.e5+ Kf7 15.0-0 Kg8 and it doesn't look like White has enough resources to prove his compensation.;
C3) 9.Qf3?! d6 10.d5+ Ke7 11.Nd3 White initiaitve fizzled out very quickly after Nc4! 12.Qf4 Kf7 13.b3 Ne5 14.Nxe5+ dxe5 15.Qf3 Bd6-+ Bozzao-Buranelli, Chioggia 2010;
C4) 9.0-0 White other options: 9...d6 10.Nd3! *(10.Ng4?* Petrilak-Kandalec, Brno 2006 Black should have played better *Nxg4N 11.Qxg4+ Kf7 12.Qf3+ Kg8∓)* 10...Kf7 11.Nc3 *(11.e5 dxe5 12.dxe5 Nd5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Ne4 Kg8 15.Ng5 Qd7∓* Rogers-Gilberd, ICCF email 2015 *)* 11...Bb7
C4a) 12.Qe2 Berry-Wibe, Canada 1981 after Qe8N 13.f3 Nc6 14.Be3 Kg8∓ Black is better.;
C4b) 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 another line *(13.Nxe5+ Kg8 14.Bg5* two games reached this position. The most convincing solution for Black *h6N 15.Bh4 Rh7! 16.f4 Nc4-+)* 13...Nd5 14.Ne4 Vachier Lagrave-Vallejo Pons, Riadh 2017 now Black should have found Kg8!N I examined 2 lines here 15.a4 *(15.Re1 Qe8! 16.h4 h5 17.Bg5 Qc6∓)* 15...b4 16.Qe2 Bc8! 17.Bg5 Qe8 18.f4 h6 19.Bh4 Bf5 20.Rae1 Qe6∓ Black slowly but surely consolidates.;
C4c) 12.a4N I decided to examine this aggressive approach since White hasn't played challenging moves on practice 12...Nc6 13.Nf4 b4 14.Ncd5 Be7∓]
[6.Nxe5 Nxb3 7.axb3 Qg5 I prefer this to 7...î€¥e7
A) 8.Ng4 d5!
A1) 9.h3 h5
A1a) 10.d3 Qg6 11.Ne3 d4 12.Nd5 Qxg2 now White

should certainly play 13.Ke2!N the only game saw *(13.Nxc7+? Kd8 14.Nxa8 Qxh1+ 15.Kd2 Qxh3* White is lost, one example *16.Qg1* Schaefer-Vakuliuk, Ludwigshafen 2005 after accurate *Rh6N 17.Qg3 Qxg3 18.fxg3 Bb7-+)* 13...Bd6 14.Qg1 Qxg1 15.Rxg1 Ne7∓;

A1b) 10.d4 another line 10...Qg6 11.Ne3 dxe4 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.0-0 Pettersen-Wibe, Norway 1979 Black could play Bd6N 14.Ne2 Nf6 15.c4 Rd8∓;

A2) 9.Ne3? d4 10.h4 Qg6 11.h5 Meneses Gonzalez-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 now the easiest would be Qg5N 12.Nd5 Qxg2 13.Rf1 Qxe4+ 14.Qe2 Qxe2+ 15.Kxe2 Bd6-+;

A3) 9.f3 Sanchez-Vazquez, Asuncion 1988 Black has two interesting novelties here:

A3a) 9...Bxg4 10.fxg4 or *(10.d3 Bxf3! 11.Bxg5 Bxd1 12.Kxd1 dxe4 13.Re1 Kd7 14.Rxe4 Bd6 15.c4 f5 16.Re2 h6 17.Be3 Ne7)* 10...Bd6! 11.g3 Qg6 12.d3 *(⩲12.exd5 Nf6 13.0-0 0-0↑)* 12...h5!? 13.Nc3 hxg4 14.0-0 Ne7 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Rxf4 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Rd8 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 0-0 21.Rxg4 Rfe8⩱;

A3b) 9...h5N and 10.d4 Qg6 11.Nf2 Qxg2 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.Bf4 dxe4 another line 14.Nd2 *(14.fxe4 Nf6 15.Nd2 Ng4 16.Qf1 Qxf1+ 17.Rxf1 0-0-0 18.d5 f5⇄)* 14...0-0-0 15.fxe4 Rxd4 16.0-0-0 Qg6 with very complicate4d game.;

B) 8.d4? Qxg2 9.Qf3 Qxf3 10.Nxf3 Bb7 Black is doing great. One examplary line 11.Nbd2 f5! 12.e5 2 games here *(12.exf5 Nh6 13.0-0 Nxf5 14.Re1+ Be7∓* Kilpatrick-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 *)* 12...g5N 13.Rg1 h6 14.c4 Ne7 15.d5 Bg7∓;

C) 8.Nf3 White has also tried two alternatives 8...Qxg2 9.Rg1 Qh3 I checked all 5 moves White has tried here

C1) 10.d3 Ne7 the only game here went 11.Bf4 d6 12.Rg3 Qd7! 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Qe2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 g6 16.Qd2 Munoz Pantoja-Narciso Dublan, Mollet del Valles 2016 Black could play Bg7N 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 f5∓;

C2) 10.Nc3 Bb7

C2a) 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.d3 Tejedor Fuente-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 a nice novelty here h6N 13.Be3 Re8 and now I examined two lines 14.0-0-0 and *(14.Rg3 Qh5 15.Nd4 Qxe2+ 16.Ncxe2 c5! 17.Nf3 g5 18.h4 f5 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Nxg5 fxe4 21.dxe4 Nf6 22.0-0-0 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Bxe4)* 14...f5 15.Nd4 fxe4 16.dxe4 Nf6 17.f3 d5 18.exd5 Qd7!;

C2b) 11.d4 see 10.d4;

C2c) 11.Rg3 other White options I would like to mention 11...Qe6

C2c1) 12.Ng5?! Qe7 13.Qe2 Dominguez Rincon-Morshedi, Bogota 2015 an

obvious improvement here 0-0-0N I checked two lines here

C2c11) 14.Nd5 Qe8 15.d4 f6 16.Nh3 Ne7 17.c4 Nxd5 18.exd5 *(18.cxd5?! Qf7∓)* 18...Qf7 Black chances better.;

C2c12) 14.d3 and 14...Re8 15.Be3 f5!∓;

C2c2) 12.d3 Another move White has tried 12...0-0-0 see 10.î€¦g3 move order;

C3) 10.d4 Bb7

C3a) 11.Qe2 Villalba-Nesterov, Chess.com 2020 here I believe Black can play Nf6N the game continuation *(11...d6* seems to me problematic in view of *12.c4!N)*

C3a1) 12.Rg3

C3a11) 12...Qe6 13.Ng5 Qe7 *(13...Qb6 14.e5 Ng8 15.Nc3±* looks too risky *)* 14.e5 h6 with approximate line 15.exf6 Qxe2+ 16.Kxe2 hxg5 17.Bxg5 g6! 18.h4 c5⩱;

C3a12) 12...Qh5 to avoid draw Black can try 13.Rg5 Qh3 14.Rg3;

C3a2) 12.Nc3 Bb4 once again the alternative is to avoid repeatition by means of *(12...h6!? 13.Rg3 Qh5* with the following illustrative line *14.Nd5 Bd6 15.e5 Nxd5 16.exd6+ Kf8 17.dxc7 Re8 18.Be3 Nxc7∞)* 13.d5 0-0-0 and White has to settle for 14.Rg3 Qh5 15.Rg5 Qh3;

C3a3) 12.d5 other moves: 12...0-0-0 13.c4 *(13.Rg3 Qh5 14.Rg5 Qh3)* 13...Bb4+ 14.Kd1 *(14.Nc3?* loses to *Nxe4)* 14...Rhe8 15.Rg3 Qh5 16.Rg5 Qh3;

C3b) 11.Nc3 Nf6

C3b1) 12.Qd3 b4 13.Rg3 Qe6! 14.Ng5 Qb6!

C3b11) 15.e5N bxc3 16.exf6 0-0-0! 17.bxc3 or *(17.fxg7 cxb2 18.Bxb2 Re8+ 19.Kd1 Bxg7∓)* 17...Qxf6 18.Nxh7 Qc6! 19.d5! Qxd5 20.Qxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxf8 Rdxf8 22.Be3 Rxh2 23.Rxa6 Rg2;

C3b12) 15.Na4 White should have better played 15...Qb5! 16.Nc5 Hope-Prothero, Seattle 1993 after natural Qxd3N 17.cxd3 Bc8 18.Na4 Be7∓;

C3b2) 12.Rg3 Another game here went 12...Qh5 13.Rg5 Qh3;

C4) 10.Rg3 Qh5 playing for a win Black can choose *(10...Qe6 11.d3 Bb7* covered later in this line *)*

C4a) 11.d4 Iljkin-Panko, Lesnoj Gorodok 2009 Black could play Bb7N 12.Nc3 Nf6 13.Rg5 Qh3 14.Rg3 *(14.Bf4* as happened in Sliwicka-Narva, New York 2024 a nice improvement here *d6!N*

15.Qd3 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 g6 18.0-0-0 Bg7 19.Re1+ Kf8 Black is better. *)* 14...Qe6N seems playable here 15.d5 another line *(15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Qe2 h6 17.Nh3 0-0-0 18.e5 Ne8 19.Nf4 d6∞)* 15...Qe7 16.e5 *(16.Nd4 g6 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.e5 Qb6 20.Qd2 0-0-0∞)* 16...d6 17.Qe2 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Rxa6! 0-0-0 Black seems fine in complications.;

C4b) 11.Rg5 Qh3

C4b1) 12.Rg3 Qe6 13.d3 Bb7 14.Nc3 I would like to mention very challenging novelty *(14.c4N g6 15.Nc3 Bd6! 16.e5! Bb4 17.Nd4 Qb6 18.Be3 f6!* with crazy double-edged position. *)* 14...0-0-0 15.Be3 Camilleri-Johannessen, Siegen 1970 Black could play Nf6N 16.Ne2 another line *(16.Nd4 Qe8 17.Ra2!? b4 18.Qa1 bxc3 19.Rxa6 d5! 20.Ra8+ Bxa8 21.Qxa8+ Kd7 22.Qc6+ Kc8 23.Qa6+ Kd7)* 16...d5 17.e5 Nh5 18.Rg1 g6 19.d4 f6 with complex game.;

C4b2) 12.Nc3 I also examined 12...Bb7 13.Qe2 Douissa-Elier, Chess,com 2024 Black could play natural d6N 14.d3 g6 15.Be3 Bg7 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Rg3 Qd7 18.Bd4 f6∓;

C5) 10.c4 Bb7 11.Nc3 Martinez Alcantara-Nesterov, Chess.com 2022 here I found the following new idea f5!N 12.d3 fxe4 13.Rg3 another line *(13.dxe4 Nf6 14.Rg3 Qe6 15.Nd4 Qe5 16.f4 Qh5 17.Qxh5+ Nxh5 18.Rg5 g6 19.cxb5 Kd8* with sufficient compensation thanks to bishop pair. *)* 13...Qh5 14.dxe4 Nf6 15.cxb5 Bb4! 16.Rxg7 Bxe4 17.Ng5 Qxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Bb7⩱]

[6.Bd5 c6 7.Bxf7+ objectively better *(7.Bb3 d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1 Nxb3 10.axb3 c5! 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.d3* Quparadze-Grigorjev, Chess.com 2021 and now strong would be *g6!N 13.Bg5 Bg7 14.Qd2 h6 15.Bh4 0-0∓)* 7...Kxf7 8.Nxe5+ Ke6 9.d4 very important to mention that after *(9.Qg4+* Black can take the knight *Kxe5 10.d4+ Kd6 11.Bf4+ Ke7 12.Bg5+ Nf6 13.e5 Kf7-+)* 9...d6 10.Qg4+ Ke7 11.Qh4+ Nf6 12.Ng6+ hxg6 13.Qxh8 Nxe4 14.0-0 Kf7 15.Re1 Shahinyan-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 Black missed powerful d5!N 16.f3 Ng5 17.c3 Ne6-+]

[6.c3 Nxb3

A) 7.Qxb3 d5! 8.Qxd5 other moves here: *(8.Nxe5 Be6 9.Nc6? Qg5 10.Rg1 dxe4 11.Qc2 Qh4 12.Nd4 Bc4 13.h3 Bd3 14.Qd1 Nh6-+* Pehl-Perevozchikov, LSS email 2008 and Black obtained absolutely dominant position.*; 8.d4 dxe4 9.Nxe5 Be6 10.Qc2* Belter-Bateman, ICCF email 2009 Black could play *Qd5N 11.f3 exf3 12.Nxf3 Bd6 13.0-0 Nf6∓)* 8...Qxd5 9.exd5 e4 10.Nd4 Hess-Jankovic, email 2008 after precise Bc5N 11.a4 Bxd4!

12.cxd4 b4 13.d3 exd3 14.Be3 Bb7 15.Nd2 Ne7 16.Rc1 0-0-0∓ Black regains a pawn with better endgame.;

B) 7.axb3 another recapture 7...Bb7

B1) 8.d3?! as happened in 2 games. Black could strike with d5!N 9.Qe2 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nf6 11.0-0 in case of *(11.Nxe5?! Bd6 12.Nd3 Nxe4 13.f3 0-0 14.fxe4 Bxe4∓* with powerful initiative. *)* 11...Bd6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nbd2 0-0∓;

B2) 8.0-0 inferior 8...d6

B2a) 9.Re1 Nf6

B2a1) 10.d4 Be7 11.Nbd2 other moves: *(11.d5* happened in 4 games. Black should have played thematic *c6!N* with approximate line *12.c4 cxd5 13.cxd5 0-0 14.Nc3 Ne8 15.Qd3 Qd7∓; 11.dxe5?! dxe5 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bg5* Krusius-Krueger, Cologne 1911 Black could play *Qd6!N 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Bh4 Qe6∓)* 11...0-0 12.Qc2 exd4 13.Nxd4 Re8 14.Nf1 Bf8 15.f3 c5 16.Nf5 d5 17.e5 Nd7 18.Bf4 Re6∞ Pilnik-Gereben, Amsterdam 1954;

B2a2) 10.d3 a logical alternative is; 14.c4 Bf8∓;

B2b) 9.d3 out of 11 games here Black has never tried Ne7N which looks like a nice set-up. An approximate line here 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nf1 0-0 13.Ne3 Re8 14.c4 Bf8∓;

B2c) 9.d4 two alternatives are: 9...Nf6

B2c1) 10.Nbd2 exd4 *(10...Be7!?)* 11.Nxd4 or *(11.cxd4N g6 12.Re1 Bg7 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4! 15.Qc2 Nxd2 16.Bxd2 0-0∞)* 11...c5 12.Nc2 Be7 13.Re1 0-0 14.c4 Re8 15.f3 Nd7∓ Sarveshwaran-Dinesh, Coimbatore 2024;

B2c2) 10.dxe5 dxe5!N for some reason only 10... î€¨xe4 was played before, which leads to simplifications 11.Qxd8+ Rxd8 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Nbd2 Nh5! 14.Be3 f6 15.b4 g5∓;

B2c3) 10.Bg5 other moves 10...Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.d5 0-0 13.Qd3 c6 14.c4? Tomashevsky-Moiseenko, Sochi 2018 Black should have played cxd5N 15.cxd5 Qd7 16.Nc3 g6∓]

6...d6 7.d4 Two major alternatives:

[7.Re1 Ne7!?

A) 8.c3 Nxb3 9.axb3 Damjanovic-Zwaig, Hastings 1977 *(9.Qxb3 Be6 10.Qc2* Koch-Wessel, freechess.de 2014 after natural *Ng6N 11.d4 Be7 12.Nbd2 0-0* Black has excellent Ruy Lopez with bishop pair. *)* 9...Ng6N 10.d4 Be7 11.Nbd2 c5! 12.Nf1 exd4 13.cxd4 0-0 with rich and complex middlegame.;

B) 8.d4 another line 8...Nxb3 9.axb3 Ng6 10.Be3 I also checked *(10.dxe5N dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8*

12.Rd1+ Bd6 13.c4 Ke7 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Ng5 bxc4 16.Nxe6 Kxe6 17.bxc4 Ne7 and Black equalizes. *)* 10...Bb7 11.d5?! Be7 12.Nbd2 Walz-Bartsch, Bad Woerishofen 2024 after precise c6N 13.c4 Qd7 Black has clearly better chances.]

[7.c3?! Nxb3

A) 8.axb3 Nf6 9.d4 or *(9.Re1 Bb7)* 9...Bb7 both covered above via different move orders.;

B) 8.Qxb3 another line 8...Be6 9.Qc2 another line *(9.Qd1 Ne7 10.a4 Ng6 11.d4* Gorge-Froeyman, Plancoet 2004 after accurate *Be7N 12.Be3 0-0 13.Nbd2 c5∓* Black enjoys comfortable position with bishop pair. *)* 9...Ne7 10.d4 Ng6 11.Ng5 Easwaralingam-Markoja, Terme Catez 2022 after Bd7N 12.Qb3 Qe7 13.Re1 f6 14.Nf3 Qf7 Black has better position.]

7...exd4 8.Re1 Dangerous move recommended by Ivan Cheparinov in his Ruy Lopez course. White has three important alternatives:

[8.Nxd4 Bb7 big tabya position, where I am going to consider five major moves for White:

A) 9.c4 c5

A1) 10.Nf3 Nf6 11.Nc3 *(11.Re1* doesn't have independent value, since after *Be7 12.Nc3* it's transposes to 11. î€¨c3 *)* 11...Be7

A1a) 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bd5 other moves *(13.Bc2 0-0 14.b3?! b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bf6 17.Rb1 Re8 18.Bf4 g6 19.Bd3? Bxd5-+* Todorovic-Rajkovic, Veliko Gradiste 2017*; 13.Nxb5?! Nxb3 14.Qxb3* Savitha Shri-Narva, FIDE Online Arena 2024 Black could simply play *Bxe4N 15.Bf4 0-0∓)* 13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 clearly inferior *(14.exd5? b4 15.Ne4 Nc4∓)* 14...0-0 15.Bf4 Malinovsky-Blahynka, Czech Republic 2017 I would suggest the following improvement Nc4N 16.b3 Bxd5 with two lines: 17.Qxd5 and *(17.exd5 Nb6 18.a4 Bf6 19.Ra2 bxa4 20.bxa4 Ra5!∓)* 17...Nb6 18.Qc6 Qd7 19.Qxd7 Nxd7 20.a4! f5 21.e5 bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rxa4 23.bxa4 Ra8 24.exd6 Bf6∓ White has to work for holding this position.;

A1b) 12.Re1 White has tried also 12...0-0 13.Bf4 Murzin-Morozevich, Khanty-Mansiysk 2019 *(13.Qd3 Re8 14.Bf4* draw agreed in Leventic-Stevic 2019 game. After *bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Nh5 17.Be3 h6 18.Rad1 Bf8∞* the position is balanced. *)* 13...Nh5N 14.Be3 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.Qc2 f5! 17.Rad1 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Rxf3! 19.gxf3 d5 20.Ng3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf8 22.Bf4 Qf7⩲;

A2) 10.Nf5 the main White alternative 10...g6

A2a) 11.Ng3 Bg7 12.Nc3 hardly a good idea *(12.cxb5?! axb5 13.Nc3 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 b4 15.Nb5* Suto-Akwei, ICCF email 2007 a very strong improvement here *Bc6!N*

16.Qd3 Bxb5! 17.Qxb5+ Qd7 18.Qc4 Ne7 19.Bf4 Nc6∓)
12...b4 13.Nd5 Nxb3 14.Qxb3 h5!?
another playable idea *(14...Ne7 15.Bg5 Bxd5 16.exd5 h6 17.Bf4 0-0 18.Rae1 Nc8 19.Qd1 Ra7 20.b3 a5∞* Krebs-Baciak, ICCF 2021 *)* 15.Re1 h4 16.Nf1

A2a1) 16...h3 17.g4
another line *(17.Bf4 hxg2 18.Nfe3 Kf8 19.Rad1 Nf6∞* with crazy position. *)* 17...a5 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bg3 a4 20.Qc2 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Nh6 22.e5 0-0 23.Rad1 dxe5 24.Bxe5 Qd7;

A2a2) 16...a5 interesting novelty 17.Qf3 Gburek-Schleef, freechess.de 2022 Black could play Nh6N with the following critical line 18.e5 Bxe5 19.Bf4 Nf5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Rxe5+ Kf8 with balanced play.;

A2b) 11.Ne3 the main alternative is 11...Bg7

A2b1) 12.Nc3 Nxb3

A2b11) 13.Qxb3 b4 14.Ncd5 Ne7 15.a3 a5 16.axb4 Warmerdam-Kosakowski, Wijk aan Zee 2019 here I clearly prefer another recapture axb4N 17.Rxa8 Bxa8 18.Nxe7 Kxe7 *(18...Qxe7? 19.Qa4++-)* 19.f3 Re8∓;

A2b12) 13.axb3 another recapture 13...b4 14.Ncd5 Nf6 15.Nxf6+ another game I would like to mention *(15.f3 0-0 16.Kh1 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5↑* Adams-Morozevich, Moscow 2007 *)* 15...Qxf6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Re1 0-0 18.Re2 Re8 19.Qd3 a5 20.Bf4 Smirin-Mamedyarov, Baku 2009 after g5N 21.Bg3 or *(21.Be3 Bxd5! 22.Qxd5 Re5 23.Qd3 Qe7 24.f3 h6∓)* 21...Bd4! I feel Black can push in this position, even though it's objectively balanced.;

A2b2) 12.Nd5 Nf6 13.Nbc3?! Nxd5! 14.exd5 0-0 15.Re1 Nxc4! 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Qg4 Qb6 18.Qxc4 Rfe8∓ Browning-Lagunow, Neustadt an der Weinstrasse 2019;

A2b3) 12.cxb5 two other moves: 12...axb5

A2b31) 13.Bd5 Nf6 14.Bxb7 Nxb7 15.Nc3 b4 16.Ncd5 0-0 17.Qd3 inferior *(17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Qc2 Na5 19.Nd5 Qd4∓* Schreiner-Santamaria Perez, ICCF email 2007 *)* 17...Na5 18.a4?! Morozevich-Vallejo Pons, Kazan 2019 Black could play Rc8N 19.Qc2 b3 20.Qb1 c4;

A2b32) 13.Nc3 another line 13...Nf6 14.Nxb5 0-0

A2b321) 15.Nxd6 Nxb3 16.Qxb3 Qxd6 17.Qxb7 Rfb8 18.e5 Qxe5

A2b3211) 19.Qf3 Qe4! 20.Rd1 Qxf3 21.gxf3 Nh5 22.Rd2 Nf4 23.a4 this is more accurate than *(23.Rc2?!* Hansen-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 after *Ne6N 24.Rc4 Nd4↑* Black has initiaitve. *)* 23...Ne6 24.Kg2 Nd4⩱ with fully sufficient compensation for Black Pacher-Vojtek, Slovakia 2022;

A2b3212) 19.Qc6 another line;

A2b322) 15.Ba4?! Szpar-Vojtek, Tatranska Lomnica 2017 Black can simply react with Nxe4N 16.f3 Ng5 17.Qxd6 Ne6⩱;

A2b323) 15.Bd5 other moves: 15...Qd7N I examined 2 lines 16.Nc3 *(16.a4 Nxe4 17.Ra3 Rad8 18.Rd3 c4! 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 d5⩱)* 16...Rfb8 17.Bxb7 Rxb7 18.f3 Ne8! 19.a4 Nc7⩱;

B) 9.a4 c5

B1) 10.Nf5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 g6

B1a) 12.Ng3 Everett-Elier, Almaty 2022 here I would like to suggest two new ideas h5N another possibility *(12...b4!? 13.Nd2 h5)* 13.axb5 another line *(13.Re1 h4 14.Ne2 h3! 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8 Bxa8 17.Qd3 Bc6∞)* 13...axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Qe2 h4! 16.Qxb5+ Qd7 17.Qa5 Bc6 18.Qc3 Rh7 19.Ne2 h3 20.Re1 Be7⩱;

B1b) 12.Ne3 another move 12...Nf6 13.Nc3?! b4 14.Ncd5 Bg7 15.Nc4 Nxd5 16.exd5 0-0 17.Bf4 Kovacevic-Strikovic, Vrnjacka Banja 2022 Black should have tried Qf6N 18.Bxd6 Rfd8 19.Na5 Bxd5! 20.Qxd5 Qxd6 21.Qxd6 Rxd6 22.Rac1 Bd4∓;

B2) 10.Qf3 another line 10...Nxb3 11.Nxb3 Nf6 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.axb5 I breifly checked *(13.Nc3N Be7 14.Qg3 0-0 15.Bh6 Ne8∞)* 13...axb5 14.Rxa8+ Bxa8 15.Qf5 Garrido Outon-Macias Pino, Los Cancajos 2020 it seems like Black can calmly play Be7 16.Qc8+ Qd8 17.Qxd8+ or *(17.Qa6 0-0 18.f3 b4 19.Be3 Qc7∓)* 17...Bxd8 18.Nc3 0-0 19.Bf4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.f3 Bg5! 22.Bxg5 Nxg5 23.Rxd6 Ne6;

C) 9.Nc3 c5 10.Nf5 White best bet *(10.Bxf7+? Kxf7 11.Nf3 Nf6 12.Ng5+ Kg8 13.Nd5* Kopylov-Elier, Chess.com 2024 and now precise would be *Nxd5N 14.exd5 Qf6 15.Ne6 Re8-+* with winning position for Black. *)*

10...c4 11.Bf4 two games arrived to this position. A logical novelty here cxb3N

C1) 12.axb3 Nc6 13.Qe2 or *(13.Bxd6 g6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Nd6 Qe7∓; 13.Nxd6+ Bxd6 14.Bxd6 Nge7∓)* 13...Ne5 one interesting line here 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Bd6 18.Nxg7+ Kf8 19.Nh5 or *(19.Nf5 h5! 20.c4 Ne7 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.cxb5 a5!∓)* 19...Nh6 20.Nf6 Qd8 21.Ne4 Rg8 22.c4 f5 23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.cxb5 a5! 25.Rac1 Nf7 26.Rc6 Qb4∓;

C2) 12.cxb3 and 12...Nc6 13.Rc1 another line *(13.Qd2 Ne5 14.Rfd1 f6! 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 g6 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6 18.Qxd6 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Rd8 20.Rb6 Bc8∓)* 13...g6 14.Nxd6+ Bxd6 15.Bxd6 f6 16.Re1 or *(16.Qd5 Nge7 17.Qe6 Bc8! 18.Qxf6 Rf8 19.Bxe7 Rxf6 20.Bxd8 Kxd8 21.Rfd1+ Bd7∓)* 16...Nge7 on examplary line here 17.Rc2 Ne5 18.Nxb5! axb5 19.Rc7 Nc8 20.Bxe5 Qxd1 21.Rxd1 fxe5 22.Rxb7 Rxa2 23.f3 Ra7 24.Rxb5 Kf7 25.Rxe5 Rb7;

D) 9.Re1 c5 10.e5 another line worth mentioning *(10.Nf5 c4 11.Bf4?! cxb3 12.axb3 Nc6 13.Bxd6 g6 14.Bxf8 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Kxf8 16.Nd6 Nd8 17.Nc3* Tsaruk-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021 after natural *Nf6N 18.f3 Kg7 19.e5 Nh5∓* Black is better. *)* 10...dxe5 11.Qh5 not a good idea for White *(11.Rxe5+? Be7 12.Bd2 Qxd4 13.Qe2 Nxb3 14.axb3 0-0-0-+* Kubicka-Kobo, Chess.com 2020 *)* 11...Qf6 12.Bg5? I also checked *(12.Qxe5+N Qxe5 13.Rxe5+ Ne7 14.Bd2 Nxb3 15.Nxb3 c4 16.Na5 0-0-0∓)* 12...Qg6! 13.Rxe5+ Ne7

D1) 14.Qxg6 hxg6 15.Bd2 or *(15.Rxc5 Rd8 16.c3 f6 17.Be3 Nd5-+)* 15...Nxb3 16.Nxb3 0-0-0!∓;

D2) 14.Qe2 Jakovenko-Mamedyarov, Moscow 2009 14...0-0-0!N 15.Rxc5+ Nec6 16.Qg4+ another line *(16.Nxc6 Bxc5 17.Nxd8 Rxd8 18.h4 Nxb3 19.axb3 h6-+)* 16...Kb8 17.Nxc6+ Bxc6 18.Bf4+ Kb7 19.Rg5 h5 20.Qe2 Qf6 21.Bc1 Bd6-+;

E) 9.Bd2 Nxb3

E1) 10.axb3 g6

E1a) 11.b4 Bg7 12.Bc3 Nf6 13.Nb3 0-0 14.f3 2 games arrived to this position. I like a new idea here Rc8N 15.Qd4 Qe7;

E1b) 11.Bc3 Nf6 12.Re1 *(12.b4 Bg7* transposes to 11. b4 *)* 12...Be7!? 13.Nd2 0-0 14.b4 c5 15.N4b3 Rc8 16.bxc5?! dxc5 17.Ba5 Qd7∓ Dobrovolsky-Kostyra, Myslenice 1987;

E1c) 11.Ba5 Bg7 12.c4 Nf6 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Nd5 Kulaots,K-Moiseenko,V Jyvaskyla 2018 I believe Black could play Qd7N 15.Nxc7 Rac8 16.Nd5 Bxd5! 17.exd5 bxc4 Black has no problems.;

E1d) 11.c4 other lines here: 11...c5 12.Nf3 White also tried *(12.Ne2 b4 13.Bf4*

Kotkov-Garcia Martinez, Sochi 1965 after precise *Nf6N 14.Nd2 Bg7 15.Ng3 0-0 16.Qc2 Re8∓* Black is better. *)* 12...b4! 13.Bf4 Qc7 14.Nbd2 0-0-0 15.Qc2 Nuutilainen-Wikman, Finland 1971 Black could play Nf6N 16.h3 Nh5 17.Bh2 Bh6 18.Rfe1 Rhe8∓ Black bishops are very powerful.;

E2) 10.Nxb3 another recapture 10...Be7

E2a) 11.Re1 Nf6

E2a1) 12.Nc3 Saravana-Seo, Chess.com 2023 Black should have played c5!N with approximate line 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bf4 another line *(14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bg5! 16.a4 h6∓)* 14...Re8 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Nd2 Bf8∓;

E2a2) 12.Na5 less challenging 12...Qc8 and we are back to 11.î€¨a5 variation;

E2b) 11.Na5 another move here 11...Qc8 12.Re1 Nf6

E2b1) 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Qf3 Rb8 15.Rad1 Ba8 16.Nd5! Nxd5 17.exd5 Bf6 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 b4 20.Qf3 Rb5 21.Nc4 Lodici-Iermito, Vasto 2024 now I would recommend f5N 22.g3 f4⇄ with complex position.;

E2b2) 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Nc3 just transposes to 13.î€¨c3;

E2b3) 13.Nxb7 Qxb7 14.e5 another line *(14.Nc3 0-0 15.a3 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bf8 17.Qd3* Korneev-Macias Pino, Linares 2022 after precise *Nd7N 18.f3 Ne5 19.Qd4 c6∓* Black position is more comfortable. *)* 14...dxe5 15.Rxe5 c5 16.Qe2 Ra7! 17.Nc3 0-0 18.Bg5 stil some accuracy required from Black h6 19.Bh4 another game featured *(19.Re1* Suta-Colpe, Pardubice 2019 I believe *Qc6N* more accurate than 19... hxg5 *20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Qxe7 hxg5* Black solves all his problems. *)* 19...Bd6!? *(19...Qc6!?N* with obvious point *20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Qxe7 Re8 22.Qa7 Ra8)* 20.Bxf6 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 another line *(21.Qxe5 gxf6 22.Qg3+ Kh7 23.Qd3+ Kg7 24.Qg3+ Kh7)* 21...Re8 22.f4 f6 23.Qh5 Qe7

E2b31) 24.Bd6 Qe3+ 25.Kf1 *(25.Kh1? Qe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rxe1#)* 25...Rd7 26.Qxc5 Qd2! 27.Rd1 Qxc2 28.Qc6 Red8 29.Qxa6 Qxb2;

E2b32) 24.Nd5 I also checked 24...Qf7! 25.Qxf7+ Kxf7 26.Bc7?! Re2 27.a4 Ermitsch-Lagunow, Berlin 2022 Black certainly should have played b4N 28.Kf1 Rxc2 29.Re1 Rd2 30.Re7+ Kg8 31.Rd7 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Rxc7∓;

E2b4) 13.e5 White other options: 13...dxe5 14.Rxe5

at first glance Black position looks very dangerous, but everything holds well after Bd5! White has tried 3 moves in this position

E2b41) 15.c4 Be6! 16.Nc3 Bracker-Colpe, Hamburg 2019 Black could just play *(16.cxb5?* would allow Black to take over by means of *Bd6! 17.Re1 axb5 18.Bc3 0-0 19.Bxf6 Rxa5* with Black advantage. *)* 16...0-0N 17.Nc6 Bd6 18.c5! otherwise White is worse Qd7 19.cxd6 Qxc6 20.dxc7 Qxc7;

E2b42) 15.Nc3 Be6 16.Bg5 c6 transposes to 15.î€§g5;

E2b43) 15.Bg5 c6 16.Nc3 Be6

E2b431) 17.Qf3N Ng4! 18.Rxe6 another line *(18.Ree1 Bxg5 19.Qxg4 Bf6 20.Qf3 0-0 21.Nxc6 Qc7⩱)* 18...Qxe6 19.Bxe7 now we eneter forced sequence Ne5! 20.Qe3 Qxe7 21.Re1 0-0-0! 22.Qb6 Nf3+! 23.gxf3 Qxe1+ 24.Kg2 Rd6! 25.Qxa6+ *(25.Qb7+ Kd8 26.Nxc6+ Rxc6 27.Qxc6 Qe6!)* 25...Kd7 here my line goes 26.Qb7+ Ke8 27.Qc8+ Rd8 28.Qxc6+ Rd7 29.Qxb5 Qe6! 30.Nc6 Kf8 31.Qb8+ Qe8 32.Qb4+ Kg8 33.Nd5! h5! 34.Nce7+ Kf8 and it's objectively equal.;

E2b432) 17.Bxf6 I also checked very natural and objectively more critical 17...Bxf6 18.Rc5 0-0 19.Nxc6 there are two game sreaching this position. I would liek to suggest a new move here Kh8N 20.Qd6 this is more chalelnging than *(20.Qh5 g6 21.Qf3 Bd4! 22.Nxd4 Qxc5 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Ne4 Qd5 25.Re1 Rad8 26.c3 Bf5! 27.Nc6 Rde8 28.Ne7+ Rxe7 29.Qxe7 Bxe4 30.Qxe4 Qxa2)* 20...Qd7 21.Qxd7 Bxd7 22.Rd1 or *(22.Ne5 Be6 23.Ne4 Rfc8! 24.Nd3 Be7 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.c3 Rd8 27.Nf4 Bc8⩱)* 22...Bxc6 23.Rxc6 Rfc8 24.Rdd6 h5 25.Nd1 Rxc6 26.Rxc6 Rd8 27.Ne3 Bxb2 28.Rxa6 Bd4 with easy draw.]

[8.Qxd4 Bb7 I examined 4 White moves here:

A) 9.c4 Nf6 10.Nc3 in case of *(10.Re1 Be7 11.Nc3* we transpose to 10.î€¨c3 *)* 10...Be7

11.Bf4 other moves: *(11.Re1 0-0 12.Bf4* covered via 11.î€§f4 line*; 11.cxb5* Saric,I-Slobodjan, Germany 2024 I would like to deviate from the game, where Black played 11...î€¨xb3 *axb5N 12.Bc2 c5* with approximate line *13.Qd1 b4 14.Nd5 0-0 15.Re1 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bf6* Black is very active.*; 11.Nd5 c5 12.Qc3 Nxd5 13.exd5?! 0-0 14.Bd2* Blomqvist-Galperin, Stockholm 2023 Black could play *Nxb3N 15.axb3 b4 16.Qd3 Bc8∓)* 11...0-0 12.Rfe1 three games arrived to this position. A natural improvement here would be Re8N 13.Rad1 Bf8 I examined the following variation here 14.Bg5 c5 15.Qd3 bxc4 16.Bxc4 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 with balanced position.;

B) 9.Qe3 Be7 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.Bd2 Nxb3 12.axb3 0-0 13.Rad1 Shuvalova-Nesterov, Chess.com 2022 after natural Re8N 14.Rfe1 Bf8 15.Qd3 Nd7∓ Black enjoys comfortable play.;

C) 9.e5 c5 10.Qe3 another line *(10.Bxf7+?! Kxf7 11.Qf4+* Jensen-Yloenen, ICCF email 2016 I believe Black can play *Ke8N* with approximate line being *12.Nc3 d5 13.Re1 d4! 14.Ng5 Nh6 15.Nce4 Qd5! 16.e6 Be7 17.Qc7 Nc4 18.b3 Rc8 19.bxc4 Rxc7 20.cxd5 Bxd5* Black is better. *)* 10...d5 11.c3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Ne7! 13.b4?! *(13.e6* is well met with *f6)* 13...d4! 14.Qf4?! White should have played *(14.cxd4 Nf5 15.Qf4* although Black position preferable after *Nxd4∓)* 14...Ng6 15.Qg3 dxc3 16.bxc5 cxb2 17.Bxb2 Bxc5 18.Nbd2 0-0∓ Mista-Vallejo Pons, Germany 2017;

D) 9.Bg5 Ne7! I considered 4 moves for White:

D1) 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bd2 this is better than *(11.Bh4?! g5! 12.Bg3 Bg7 13.c3 Nxb3 14.axb3* Sychev-Vallejo Pons, St Petersburg 2018 after accurate *Qd7N 15.Na3 f5∓* Black is clearly better. *)* 11...Nxb3 12.axb3 d5! well-timed break 13.e5 d4! *(13...Qd7 14.Re1 Qf5!?∞)* 14.Re1 Qd5 15.Qxd4 Chocenka-Anokhin, ICCF email 2016 I believe the most challenging Black try here Qxd4N 16.Nxd4 0-0-0 with 2 lines: 17.c3 *(17.Be3 Nd5 18.Nd2 Nxe3 19.fxe3 c5 20.N4f3 g6 21.Re2 Bg7∓)* 17...c5 White should play very accurate here 18.Nc2! Nf5 19.b4 Nh4 20.f3 g5 21.e6! fxe6 22.Rxe6 Bd6⩱;

D2) 10.c4 Nxb3 11.axb3 f6! 12.Bf4 Agdestein-Mihajlov, Oslo 2021 Black should have played b4!N 13.Nbd2 Qd7 14.Bg3 0-0-0∓ looks promising for Black.;

D3) 10.c3?! Nxb3 11.axb3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Efimenko-Banusz, Chess.com 2020 after natural Nc6N 14.Qd3 g5 15.Bg3 0-0-0∓ Black is better.;

D4) 10.a4 Nxb3 11.cxb3 h6 12.Bh4 Nc6! 13.Qd3 g5 14.Bg3 b4! 15.Nd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Nd2 0-0 18.Rac1 Bb7 19.Nc4 a5! 20.Rfd1 Qd7 21.e5 and here Black has excellent resource f5! 22.f4 Be4 23.Qe3

and draw agreed in Biedermann-Duchardt, ICCF email 2017 after d5 24.Nd2 gxf4 25.Bxf4 Ra6 with very complex play, objectively balanced play.]

[8.c3 Nxb3 9.axb3 dxc3 obviously the most challenging. Pretty safe alternative *(9...d3!? 10.Qxd3* Freitag-Nagy, Chess.com 2021 now Black could play *Bb7N 11.Re1 Nf6* with approximate line *12.b4 Be7 13.Nd4 Nd7! 14.Nf5 Bf6)* 10.Nxc3 Bb7 crtitical line here 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nd5 Bf6 *(12...Nf6* also fine *)* 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.e5 Ne4 15.exd6 0-0 16.dxc7 Qxc7 Gabrielian-Nesterov, Chess.com 2021]

8...Nxb3 9.axb3 c5 10.c3 one game saw

[10.b4 Be7 11.e5 Papp-Horvath,D Hungary 2020 here Black should have better played Bb7!N 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.bxc5 Qxc5 and now White has two main ideas 14.Bf4 and *(14.Nbd2 Nf6 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.Qe2! Nd5 17.Bg5 0-0! 18.Bxe7 Rfe8 19.Bd6! Rxe2 20.Bxc7 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Nxc7 22.Nxd4 Rd8)* 14...Nf6 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.Nb3 Qb4 17.Nfxd4 Rfe8 18.c3 Qc4 19.Na5 Qd5 20.Nxb7 Qxb7]

10...Bb7 11.cxd4 Be7 most probably

[11...Nf6 will transpose to our main line after 12.Nc3 Be7 13.Nh4 etc]

12.Nc3 Interesting double-edged position might arise after

[12.d5N Nf6 13.Bd2 0-0 14.Ba5 Qd7 15.b4! Rfe8 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Nbd2 Bf8 with extremely complex position. Black plan is to strike against White center with f7-f5.]

12...Nf6 13.Nh4! the most dangerous idea.

[13.Bg5 h6 14.e5 dxe5 Black can also play *(14...hxg5!?N 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 d5 18.Re3 Kf8⩱)* 15.dxe5? Shimanskaia-Rakhmanov, St Petersburg 2024 *(15.Bxf6!N Bxf6 16.dxc5 0-0)* 15...Qxd1N 16.Raxd1 hxg5 17.exf6 gxf6∓ White compensation is insufficient.]

13...b4! 14.Nd5 interesting position to investigate might occur after

[14.Nf5N bxc3 15.Nxg7+ Kd7 too dangerous *(15...Kf8? 16.Bh6→)* 16.d5 Ne8! I like Black chances here.]

14...Nxd5 15.Nf5 White can also play

[15.exd5 0-0 16.Nf5 which is just another move order transposing to the main line.]

15...0-0 risky for Black

[15...Nc7?! 16.Nxg7+ Kd7 17.dxc5 Ne6 18.Nxe6! fxe6 19.cxd6 Bf6 20.Qh5↑]

16.exd5 Re8 I am leaning in favor of this move, although

[16...Bf6 should be sufficient to hold 17.Bf4 cxd4!N very important improvement over *(17...Bc8 18.Nxd6 Bxd4 19.Qe2±* Tateo-Niese, ICCF email 2021 *)*

A) 18.Bxd6 g6 19.Bxf8 or *(19.Ne7+ Bxe7 20.Bxe7 Qxd5 21.f3 Rfe8 22.Qd3 Bc6 23.Bf6 Bb5)* 19...Qxd5 20.Ne3! only move dxe3 21.Qxd5 Bxd5 22.Bxb4 exf2+ 23.Kxf2 Bxb2 24.Rab1 Bd4+ 25.Kf1 Be6⩱ with fully sufficient compensation.;

B) 18.Qf3 another line 18...Re8 19.Nxd6 another line *(19.Bxd6N Kh8! 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8* with approximate line *21.Bc5 Qd7 22.Nd6 Rd8 23.Bxb4 Kg8!⩱; 19.Rxe8+N Qxe8 20.Nxd6 Qe7)*

19...Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Qd7 Cheparinov recommendation here 21.h4!? the only game here featured *(21.Qh5 g6 22.Qf3 Rd8 23.h4!* interesting resource *Bxh4 24.Qe4 Bf6 25.Nxb7 Qxb7 26.Bh6! Qd7 27.Qf4 Bg7 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Qxd4+ f6 30.Qxb4 Qd6! 31.Qd4 Qxd5 32.Re7+ Kh6 33.Qh4+ Qh5 34.Qf4+ Qg5 35.Qh2+ Qh5 36.Rxh7+ Kxh7 37.Qc7+ Kh6 38.Qxd8 Qe5* Groeller-Birrer, ICCF 2023 *)* 21...Rd8 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Bg5! Bxg5 24.hxg5 Qc8 25.g3 Qc5 26.Re5 Kf8 27.Qe4 g6 28.Kg2 Rc8! and Black holds without too many difficulties.]

17.Bf4 Bf8 18.dxc5 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 dxc5 20.Rd1 Very important to mention White new move, which is much more challenging

[20.d6N

A) 20...Qf6 21.Ne7+ Bxe7 22.Qxe7 *(22.dxe7?! Re8* White loses e7-pawn *)* 22...Qxe7 23.dxe7 f6 24.Bd6 Kf7 25.Bxc5 a5;

B) 20...Qd7 I believe Black can hold also after

B1) 21.Qe5 Re8 22.Qxc5 Rc8 23.Qxb4 *(23.Qa7 Re8⩱)* 23...Bxg2! 24.Kxg2 Qxf5 25.Qb7 h5! 26.Bg3 h4! 27.Bxh4 Bxd6 28.Rxa6 Rc7!;

B2) 21.Ne7+ another line 21...Bxe7 22.Qxe7 *(22.dxe7* loses e7-pawn after *Re8 23.Rd1 Rxe7!∓)* 22...Bc6 23.Qg5 Black easliy holds after *(23.Qxd7 Bxd7 24.Be3 f6 25.Bxc5 Rc8 26.Bxb4 Rb8 27.Ba3 Rxb3 28.Rc1 Rb8 29.h3 Rc8 30.Re1 Re8)* 23...h6 24.Qxc5 *(24.Qg3 Qe6)* 24...Rc8 25.Qe3 *(25.Qxb4? Qg4-+)* 25...Re8 26.Qd3 Qg4 27.Bg3 Qe2⩱]

20...Qd7 21.Ne3 Re8 22.f3?! Vachier Lagrave-Pichot, New York 2024 Black should have played

[22.d6 g6 would be more or less balanced.]

22...Be7!N 23.d6 Bf6 24.Qd2 Bd4 25.Kh1 Bc6∓

C70

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C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Nxb3 8.axb3 f6 9.c4 Bb7 1.36/21

[9...b4± 0.59/21]

10.Nc3± Ne7 11.Qe2 0.90/20

[11.cxb5 1.30/20 axb5 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Nxb5]

11...c6 1.66/21

[11...b4± 0.90/20]

12.Rd1+- Qc7 13.Be3 Ng6 14.Rac1 0.88/19

[⌓14.b4 1.56/22]

14...b4± 15.Na4 c5 1.77/23

[15...exd4± 0.80/22 16.Nxd4 c5]

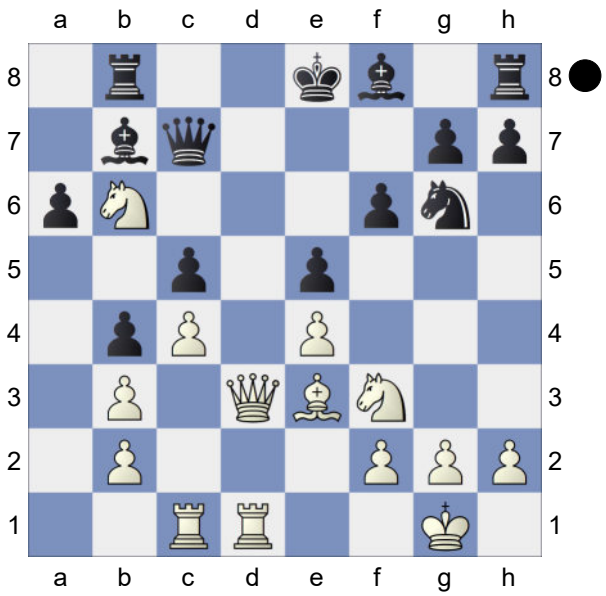
16.dxc5+- dxc5 17.Qd3 0.70/22

[17.Rd5!+- 1.81/21]

17...Rb8!± 18.Nb6

(Diagram)

Deflection **18...Be7N** 1.65/23



[18...Rd8± 0.90/21 19.Qxd8+ Qxd8 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8]

19.Nd5+- Qc6 20.Qe2 White has more active pieces. **20...Bd6 21.Rd3** 0.97/20

[⌓21.Rd2 1.50/23]

21...Rc8 1.89/22

[21...0-0± 0.97/20]

22.Rcd1 Bb8 23.Nd2 0.85/23

[23.R3d2+- 1.74/22 and White stays clearly on top.]

23...Qe6 1.59/24

[⌓23...0-0 0.85/23]

24.Nf1± aiming for Ng3. A dynamic duo of knights. **24...0-0 25.Ng3?** 0.01/20

[25.Qf3± 1.57/24]

25...Nf4= 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Nh5↑ White has good play. **27...Rce8** 1.41/23

[27...g5!= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

28.Nhxf4 0.84/20

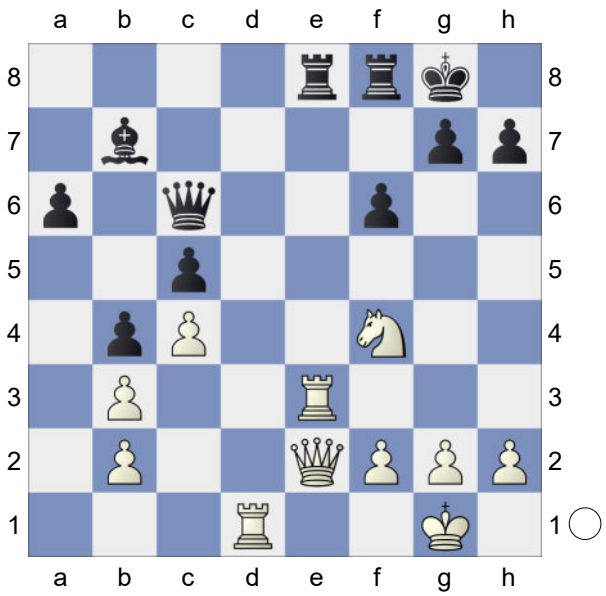
[White should play 28.Ndxf4 1.41/23 Qc8 29.Rd7]

A mistake that costs the game. **28...Bxf4** 2.26/20

[28...Qc8± 0.84/20]

29.Nxf4+- Qxe4 30.Re3 Qc6

(Diagram)



31.Re6 Qc8 2.96/23

[31...g5 1.91/26 might work better. 32.h4 h6]

32.h4 g6? 4.70/25

[32...a5 2.77/21 33.h5 Rxe6 34.Qxe6+ Qxe6 35.Nxe6 Re8 36.Nxc5 Bc6]

33.Re7 Rxe7 34.Qxe7 White wants to mate with Ne6. **34...Rf7 35.Rd8+ Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.89

36.Ne6+

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